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GEORGE RICHARD LUNN, D. D.—As a clergyman of the Presbyterian faith, Dr. George Richard Lunn, New York State Public Service Commissioner, with headquarters in Albany, began his career. The first Socialist party mayor in New York State, heading the government of Schenectady for several terms under both Socialist and Democratic auspices, and later serving as a member of Congress and as Lieutenant-Governor of this State, he is eminently fitted for the present position of responsibility that he holds.

Dr. Lunn was born June 23, 1873, on a farm near Lenox, Taylor County, Iowa, son of Martin A. and Martha (Bratton) Lunn. Public schools of his native district provided his early education, but he left the classroom at the age of twelve to sell newspapers in Des Moines. At the age of seventeen he was driving a delivery wagon in Omaha, Nebraska. Then he determined to enter college and study for the ministry. Becoming a student at Bellevue College, in Nebraska, he earned his way through that institution of learning by sawing wood, digging potatoes, waiting on table and doing all sorts of odd work, being graduated in 1897 as a Bachelor of Arts, and in 1901 was awarded the degree of Master of Arts. In 1897, upon completing his studies for the baccalaureate degree, he came to the East and took up theological studies at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. There he was graduated in 1901 and the same year given the degree of Bachelor of Divinity by New York University. In 1905 he was made an honorary Doctor of Divinity by Union College, Schenectady. His first assignment was as associate pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Brooklyn, New York, where he served from 1901 to 1904. He then accepted a call to the First Dutch Reformed Church, in Schenectady, where he remained until 1909. Then, until 1915, he was pastor of the United People's Church, in Schenectady.

Dr. Lunn's interest in public affairs started soon after he came to Schenectady. At first he sought to remedy conditions in the city as a member of the Republican party. Failing in that effort, he accepted, in the autumn of 1911, the Socialist nomination for mayor on a platform pledging many city reforms, and was triumphantly elected, serving from January, 1912, to January, 1914. It was in that period that he won his distinction as being the first Socialist mayor in the State. In 1913 he failed of reelection, being defeated by a combination of the Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties, but in 1915 he was reëlected on the Socialist ticket. Not being a Socialist actually, and soon disagreeing fundamentally with leaders of his party, he left it in February, 1916. He resigned from the mayor's chair during his second term, having been elected, in November, 1916, a member of the Sixty-fifth Congress of the United States from the Thirtieth New York District, serving from 1917 to 1919 and was a member of the Military Affairs Committee. In that election he ran on an independent ticket, with the endorsement of the Democratic party. In November, 1919, he was again elected mayor of Schenectady, and in November, 1921, was elected for the fourth time to this office, running both times on the Democratic ticket.

His term was to continue until January, 1924. But in 1922 the Democrats nominated Dr. Lunn for Lieutenant-Governor of New York State on the ticket headed by Governor Alfred E. Smith, and he was elected. On January 1, 1923, he resigned as Schenectady's mayor, and assumed his duties as Lieutenant-Governor, in which office he continued until December 31, 1924, when his term expired. In March, 1925, Governor Smith appointed him a member of the Public Service Commission for a full ten-year term, to expire February 1, 1935. He was then reappointed by Governor Herbert H. Lehman for a second term of ten years, and is still serving in this office.

In all his public work Dr. Lunn has distinguished himself among his fellow-citizens. His service as mayor of Schenectady attracted attention throughout the State and in other parts of the country. When he first took office, the city had no parks or playgrounds, and it was mainly as a result of his labors that four parks and eighteen playgrounds were establishsed and an elaborately planned boulevard system was originated. Dr. Lunn also caused the erection of many public schools, established public health and municipal ash and garbage collection facilities, and in a variety of ways improved civic conditions. Later, during his term in Congress, he became one of the Democratic leaders in Washington during the second term of President Woodrow Wilson. In 1928 he was prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor of New York.

Dr. Lunn was a delegate to Democratic national conventions in 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932 and 1936. He has also had valuable military service to his credit. During the Spanish-American War he served as corporal in Company I, 3d Nebraska Regiment, commanded by Colonel

William Jennings Bryan, being at that time a resident of Nebraska. At one time Dr. Lunn served as department commander for New York State of the United Spanish War Veterans, and in 1931 and 1932 he was national commander-in-chief of the organization.

Dr. George Richard Lunn married (first), May 7, 1901, in Brooklyn, New York, Mabel Healy, of that place, who died in 1931. They became the parents of five children: 1. George Richard Lunn, Jr., born in 1902. 2. Mabel C. Lunn, born in 1903. 3. Elizabeth Healy Lunn, born in 1905. 4. Raymond Healy Lunn, born in 1908. 5. Eleanor Peabody Lunn, born in 1910. Dr. George Richard Lunn married (second), in 1932, Anita Oliver Jensen, of Oakland, California. They have their residence at Selkirk, New York. Dr. Lunn's offices as Public Service Commissioner are in the State Office Building, at Albany.

JOHN BOYD THACHER, II—John Boyd Thacher, II, four times elected mayor of Albany, was born at Leadville, Colorado, October 26, 1882. He is a son of George Hornell and Emma Louise (Bennett) Thacher. His connection with the life of Albany began as a boy. Attending the city schools, he was graduated from Albany Academy in 1900, and afterward continued his education at Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904. In 1906 he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School, now Union University, was admitted to the New York bar in the same year and in 1907 began the practice of his profession at Albany. He has since been active at the bar of this city and for many years has been accounted one of Albany's leading lawyers. In 1927 he became a member of the law firm of Farren, Herrick and Thacher.

From 1911 to 1913, Mr. Thacher served as Deputy Attorney-General of the State of New York. As a public official, however, his responsibilities have been concerned principally with the Albany municipal government. In 1920 he was elected treasurer of the city of Albany, taking office in 1921, and in 1923 was reëlected. In 1925 he was elected president of the common council and in the same year was chosen mayor of the city by vote of its people. He was inducted as mayor in 1926, was reëlected at the conclusion of his first term in 1929 and again in 1933 and 1937. This repeated endorsement at the polls reflects the popularity of his administration and the value placed upon his services as chief executive by his city. Mayor Thacher was elected judge of the Children's Court of the County of Albany, November, 1940, to serve for six years from January 1, 1941.

Mr. Thatcher is prominent in Democratic politics, both of the county and State, and in 1934, 1936 and 1938, was chairman of the Democratic State Convention. He served as treasurer of the New York State Mayors' Conference from 1926 to 1940, and is a member of the Albany County and New York State and American Bar associations. At the present time he is a senior member of Thacher and Casey, with offices at No. 100 State Street. He is a member of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Masonic Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and several clubs, including the Fort Orange Club, Albany Country Club, Ekwanok Country Club, Albany Yacht Club and Cobleskill Country Club. At Albany, Mr. Thacher serves as a trustee of the Albany City and County Savings Bank and as vice-president and director of the City Safe Deposit Company. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On June 17, 1918, John Boyd Thacher, II, married Lulu Cameron, of Schoharie.

BYRON J. LEWIS—Early in the present century, Byron J. Lewis began his active newspaper career which has brought him positions of responsibility on many newspapers in eastern metropolitan centers. Since 1935 he has been editor of the "Knickerbocker News" in Albany.

Mr. Lewis was born in West Pittston, Pennsylvania, son of George N. and Emma (Barber) Lewis. He was educated in the public schools of West Pittston and at Dickinson College of Law, but turned to newspaper work in early youth and has continued in the field during the intervening years. In 1906 he became a reporter on the "Pittston Gazette," where he served his apprenticeship in the newspaper craft. Moving up rapidly, he subsequently occupied positions on many important dailies, including service as war editor of the "Philadelphia Evening Ledger," as foreign editor and news editor of the "New York Globe," and as night managing editor of the "New York World" from 1929 to 1931. Since assuming his present post as editor of the "Knickerbocker News" at Albany, in 1935, he has had complete charge of the editorial direction of the paper. As such, he exerts a substantial influence in the life of the Capital Region.

Mr. Lewis married, on July 29, 1914, Margaret M. Jones.

MATTHEW O. TROY—A wide variety of service to the General Electric Company, of Schenectady, has brought Matthew O. Troy to the position of commercial vice-president with this great industrial organization, and he heads all divisions of the Central Station Department.

Mr. Troy was born December 15, 1872, in Burlington, North Carolina, son of Thaddeus O. Troy, a native North Carolinian, who was associated for many years with the Southern and other railways.

Matthew O. Troy attended a private school at Burlington; the Hemingway School at Norfolk, Virginia; a busi-

M. O. Troy

ness school at Atlanta, Georgia; the Jones University School, at Charlottesville, Virginia; the Episcopal High School, at Alexandria, Virginia, and the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1896. In January, 1897, he came to the General Electric Company, with which he has since been associated continuously. At first he was stationed at the Schenectady Works, later went to Lynn, then back to Schenectady to serve as Commercial Engineer in the Transformer Division. He was later made manager of this division. A few years later this division was transferred to Pittsfield Works, in Massachusetts. Aften ten years, Mr. Troy was returned to the Schenectady Works as executive assistant manager of the Central Station Department, from which position he was promoted first to manager of the department and later to commercial vice-president, in charge of the Central Station Department.

For the first three months of his experience, he was engaged in test work at Schenectady, and for six months in similar work at Lynn, when he was made head of the Transformer Testing Department, at Lynn. During this period he was associated with the late Dr. Elihu Thomson, noted engineer of the General Electric Company. He gave up his testing work to join the Engineering Department, where he remained until 1904.

During his engineering and commercial experience Mr. Troy has taken out a large number of patents covering transformers, regulators, lightning arresters, mercury arc rectifiers, capacitors, and the many products which have come under his direction. Thirty-two patents have been issued so far and others are pending.

Active in political affairs, Mr. Troy is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Mohawk Club, the Mohawk Golf Club, the National League of Masonic Clubs, the Executives Club, the Chamber of Commerce of Schenectady, the Newcomen Society of England, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi societies. Golf, tennis and fishing are favorite recreations of Mr. Troy. He is also active in the work of the Protestant Episcopal Church in his city.

Matthew O. Troy married Edna Parker, of Hicksville, Ohio, and they have three children: 1. Matthew O. Troy, Jr., a graduate of Lehigh University, holding the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, now with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady. 2. Mary Elizabeth Troy, a graduate of Sweetbriar College, in Virginia, where she took the Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in mathematics, and of the Washington School of Secretaries, Washington, District of Columbia. 3. John Parker Troy, a student at Lehigh University.

EDWARD W. SHINEMAN—As vice-president and treasurer of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, Edward W. Shineman has played an important rôle in the life of Canajoharie.

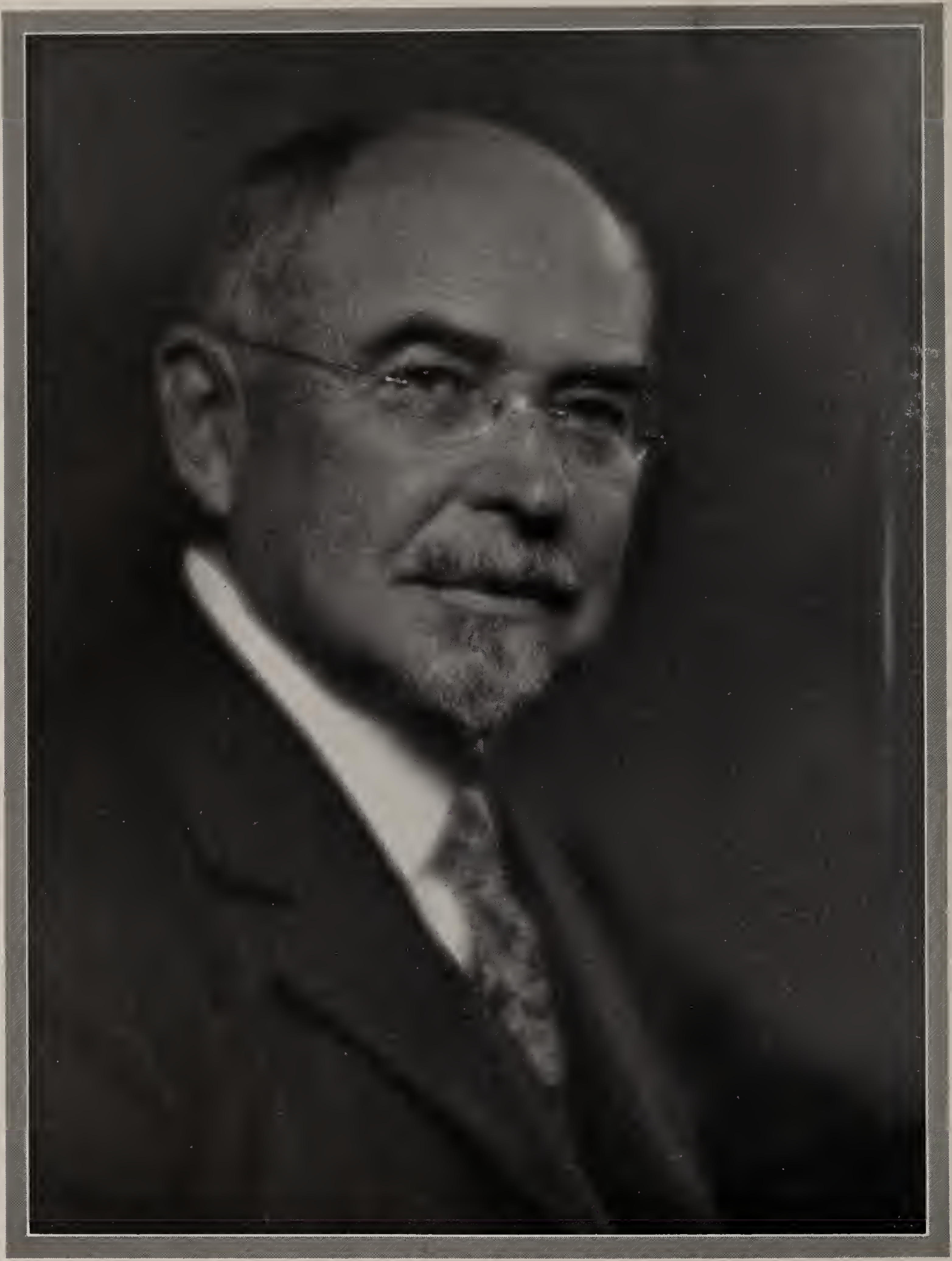
Mr. Shineman was born January 8, 1878, in Canajoharie, New York, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Waner) Shineman, both natives of Germany. His father, born in 1833 at Louenfoerde, came in 1847 to the United States, and here was a farmer until his death. The mother, born in 1842 at Hanover, Germany, is now also deceased.

Edward W. Shineman attended public schools in Canajoharie, his birthplace, and after completing his high school studies took a teachers' training course that gave him a life certificate as a teacher. He taught school for a time in the rural districts of his native county, continuing that work for about three years. Then he attended the Albany Business College. With Porter Devendorf, in Schenectady, he had charge of records and accounts for a three-year period. Then, on July 12, 1904, he came to the Beech-Nut Packing Company, in Canajoharie, in whose accounts receivable department he was employed. Three months later he took charge of general accounts for the company, and later he was made assistant to the treasurer. His climb from that point was a steady one, bringing him to the posts of assistant treasurer and director, then treasurer, of the organization. In 1931 he was made treasurer and in 1938 a vice-president.

In addition to his work with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, Mr. Shineman is treasurer and a director of the Fairmont Box Company, of Fairmont, West Virginia, and Canajoharie, New York, and vice-president and a director of the Canajoharie National Bank. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Antlers Golf Club, of Amsterdam; the Canajoharie Golf Club; and St. John's Lutheran Church, in which he is president of the church council. Philately and numismatics are his major hobbies and avocations.

On July 12, 1911, Edward W. Shineman married Bertelle Shubert, of Canajoharie, daughter of Frank and Cecelia (Lettice) Shubert. Two sons were born of this marriage: 1. Edward W. Shineman, Jr., graduated from Cornell University as a Bachelor of Arts in 1937, now with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady, employed in the accounting division; married Doris Thompson, of Hastings, New York, who graduated from Cornell University in 1937. She is a daughter of Ray Thompson, a mechanical engineer, and Irene Thompson. 2. Richard S. Shineman, a graduate of Canajoharie High School in 1941 and now attending Deerfield Academy.

WILLIAM OTIS HOTCHKISS, LL. D., D. Sc., Ph. D.—As president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, of Troy, Dr. William Otis Hotchkiss directs one of



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1928 he served as principal of the State Normal School at New Haven, Connecticut. Then, in 1928, Dr. Meader was made president of Russell Sage College, in Troy, where he carries on his important administrative duties down to the time of writing. Dr. Meader is also a trustee of Bates College, at Lewiston, Maine. From 1919 to 1927 he was director of the Connecticut State Summer School at Yale University, in New Haven.

Today, in addition to his academic and administrative activities, Dr. Meader has served as president of the Troy Public Library, the Troy Council of Social Agencies, Troy Community Chest and Troy Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa, and he also belongs to the Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi fraternities, which he joined in his student days. Politically he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Troy Club, the Troy Country Club and the Episcopal Church. Adding authorship to his other attainments, Dr. Meader is particularly known for his work entitled "Normal School Education in Connecticut," which was published in 1928.

Dr. James Laurence Meader married, June 29, 1927, Emma Blakely Grant, of Springfield, Illinois.

ARTHUR POUND was born June 1, 1884, in Pontiac, Michigan, son of John and Elizabeth (Turk) Pound. After completing his preliminary schooling, he became a student at the University of Michigan, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1907.

Since that time his activities have been mainly concerned with journalistic and educational efforts, which in many instances he has successfully combined and blended. He served from 1913 until the following year as managing editor of the "Beacon Journal," of Akron, Ohio, then became chief editorial writer of the "Press," of Grand Rapids, Michigan, so continuing until 1917. During the World War period he served in the United States Navy. Then, in 1921 and 1922, he contributed the "Iron Man" papers, which attracted considerable attention at the time, to the "Atlantic Monthly." In 1923 and 1924 Mr. Pound was editorial writer for the "New York Evening Post" and the "New York Herald." In 1924 and 1925 he was editor of the "Atlantic Monthly Press." Then, from 1924 to 1927, he served as associate editor of the "Independent," published in Boston. For some years he has been associate editor of the "Atlantic Monthly" and a director and New York representative of the Atlantic Monthly Company.

In addition to all these activities, Mr. Pound has held a number of educational assignments. In 1935 and 1936 he was research professor of American history at the University of Pittsburgh, and is an honorary Fellow of Union College. He is a trustee of the New York State Historical Association, and the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, and an associate member of the New York Historical Society. On October 1, 1940, he became State Historian and Director of Archives and History for New York State.

He is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Pound is author of the following works: "The Iron Man in Industry," 1921; "The Telephone Idea," 1926; "Johnson of the Mohawks," 1930; "Native Stock," 1931; "They Told Barron," of which he was a co-author, 1931; "More They Told Barron," 1932; "Penns of Pennsylvania and England," 1932; "Washington and Albany," 1932; "Around the Corner," 1933; "The Turning Wheel," 1934; "Once a Wilderness," 1934; "The Golden Earth" and "Second Growth," 1935; "Industrial America," 1936; "Hawk of Detroit," 1939; "Detroit: Dynamic City," 1940; in press, "Two Centuries of Industry"; "The Rise of Manufacturing in Western Pennsylvania."

On April 22, 1908, Arthur Pound married Mary Madelon Paterson, of Flint, Michigan. The children of this marriage have been: 1. Mary Dryden Pound, who became the wife of Clement H. Cochran, Jr. 2. Elizabeth Pound, who became the wife of Gwynn S. Bement. 3. Madelon Pound, wife of Jacob H. Herzog. 4. Margaret Pound, wife of Francis Byron.

EDWIN WILBUR RICE, Jr.—The General Electric Company is one of the most potent forces the United States has had in developing electrical energy, in improving the steam turbine generator, quickening the propulsion of ships and railroad trains, augmenting water power, adding to radio efficiency, and in the creation of the company as it now is, Dr. Edwin Wilbur Rice played an important part.

The Rice family came from England in Colonial days, first to Massachusetts, then it is believed, to Wellington, Connecticut. Ebenezer Rice, Sr., who was a great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and his brother, Oliver Rice, moved to what is now Gloversville, New York, and was then Kingsborough Patent consisting of twenty thousand acres granted to Arent Stevens and others on June 23, 1733. A section of this area was once known as Riceville. Ebenezer Rice, Sr., was a farmer in Gloversville, married Martha Throop, died and is buried there. His son, Ebenezer, Jr., also found his living in agriculture. He married (first) Elizabeth Port, (second) Polly Wells; he too lies in a Gloversville cemetery. He was the grandfather of Edwin Wilbur Rice, Sr.

The latter, father of our subject, was an accomplished Biblical scholar and editor, born in Kingsborough, July 24, 1831, was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York, in 1854, studied theology in Union Theological Seminary, New York, from 1855 to 1857 and was made a missionary of the American Sunday School Union in 1859, superintendent of Missions in 1864, assistant secretary in 1871 and in 1879 became editor of the various periodicals of the Union. In 1884 he was made a Doctor of Divinity by Union College. Among other works he published: "Scholars Handbook on the International Lessons" (1874); "Pictorial Commentary on Mark" (1881); "Matthew" (1886); "Luke" (1889); "Stories of Great Painters, or Religion in Art" (1887); "Historical Sketch of Sunday Schools," (1886). He also prepared various parts of Schaffs "Bible Dictionary." He was editor of the "Sunday School Review," the magazine. He married Margaret Eliza Williams. He died in 1929 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the ripe age of ninety-eight years.

The agricultural, theological, editorial pedigree of Edwin Wilbur Rice, Jr., contained no precedent for his advent into the industrial field, but his entry nevertheless came quite naturally. He was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, May 6, 1862. In 1876 he was a student in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Boys' Central High School and there he had as teacher, in the department of chemistry and physics, Elihu Thomson, whose star later was to be one of the brightest in the industrial firmament. Thomson was a judge of human nature as well as of mechanical things, and when he quit pedagogy to go into the manufacture of electrical appliances he took young Rice with him to New Britain, Connecticut, as his assistant in the American Electric Company in which he had been appointed chief electrician. In 1882 this corporation was succeeded by the Thomson-Houston Electric Company which erected a large plant at Lynn, Massachusetts, and when E. W. Rice, Jr., was only twenty-two years old he was made plant superintendent for this enterprise. Charles A. Coffin was a major stockholder in the Thomson-Houston Company and a financier of large resources. He purchased control of the Excelsior Electric Company, the Van Depoele Electric Railway Company, the Schuyler Electric Company, the Brush Electric Company and the Bentley-Knight Electric Company and organized a consolidation of all as the Thomson-Houston International Electric Company which he finally merged in 1892 with the Edison General Electric Company and this was the genesis of the General Electric Company of which he became the head. Mr. Rice was made first technical director. On 1896 he became vice-president in charge of manufacturing and engineering, then senior vice-president and in 1913 was chosen to succeed Mr. Coffin as president Finally in 1922 he was named honorary chairman of the board of directors and was succeeded as president by Gerard Swope.

During all of his incumbency Mr. Rice was exceedingly active. He had more than one hundred patents to his credit, covering a wide field of electrical and engineering developments, particularly in the realm of electrical distribution. He was a humanitarian as well as a scientist. He promoted revolutionary forms of industrial organization, practically created the policy of employee representation and did much for the recognition of shop workers and their general welfare.

Of almost equal interest with his concern for industry was his attention to the cause of education. Soon after the formation of the General Electric he moved, in 1894, to Schenectady. He lived at No. 102 Lenox Road, across from the campus of Union College. He had close contact with the faculty and became so *en rapport* with the work of the institution that he made substantial gifts of money to carry on the chemical, electrical engineering and physics laboratories. And he communicated his enthusiasm to other officers and scientists of the General Electric, including the "wizard of electricity," Charles P. Steinmetz who headed the electrical engineering department of the college for twenty years, Dr. Rice himself acting as college trustee for a quarter of a century. When he died the flag on the campus was ordered halfmast, and President Dixon Ryan Fox said:

> Union College mourns the death of Dr. E. W. Rice with a deep and peculiar regret. As a trustee he has guided the development of its work in physical sciences for many years generously and most helpfully. He devised coöperation between the college and the General Electric Company in ways novel and productive. As chairman of the trustees he gave distinguished leadership to the college enterprise in every phase. A great man of science he was likewise interested in the rounded development of American young men.

Harvard University and Central High, Philadelphia, made him Master of Arts in 1903 and Union College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Science in 1906, as the University of Pennsylvania did later, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1917 gave him the degree of Doctor of Engineering. Union College elected him a life trustee. He aided in securing funds to build the beautiful memorial chapel of the college and, in 1925, to create the finely equipped Physics Building.

Dr. Rice was a member of the National Research Council of the Institute of Civil Engineers, the Society of Illuminating Engineers, the British Institute of Electrical Engineers, the British Institute of Civil Engineers, the British Iron and Steel Institute. He was a Chevalier Legion d'honneur. In 1917 the Emperor of Japan decorated him with the Third Order of the Rising Sun and that same year he was president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers which organization, fourteen years later, awarded him the Edison medal "for his contributions to the development of electric systems and his encouragement of scientific research in industry."

Edwin Wilbur Rice, Jr., was twice married (first), on May 28, 1881, to Helen Katherine Doen. Among her chief interests in life was painting. She died in 1895. She was a daughter of Edward and Helen Jane (Bassette) Doen. Her father, while an infant, was brought to America from Ireland with his parents, William and Katherine (Dwyer) Doen. Edward Doen became one of the organizers of the now well-known P. & F. Corbin Company. Mr. Doen and Mr. Corbin dissolved partnership and the former went in business for himself in the manufacture of bolts and builder's hardware. He was born at Tipperary, May 22, 1825, and died in New Britain, March 4, 1877.

Ozias Buell and Emeline (Eno) Bassette were the parents of Mrs. Doen. The name is sometimes spelled without the final *e* but it is retained in a volume on the family, meticulously prepared and carefully annotated by Buel Burdett Bassett. Ozias Buell Bassette was born March 7, 1807, died February 27, 1878. He was a farmer on the outskirts of New Britain. His wife, whom he married on May 23, 1832, was born December 11, 1805, and died, aged ninety-nine years, on August 3, 1905. She was the eldest of six children of Salmon and Mary (Richards) Eno. Salmon was born December 13, 1779, and his wife, who was a vivacious old lady and nicknamed "Polly," was born September 29, 1785, and died on her birthday in 1883.

Edwin Wilbur Rice, Jr., married (second), on August 28, 1897, Alice Mabel Doen, a sister of his first wife. She was born in New Britain, Connecticut, on November 9, 1866, and was educated there. Once active in organized groups, she has resigned from all clubs except the Fortnightly Club. Her principal interest was always centered in home life and in the support of local charities. She attends the First Unitarian Church of Schenectady.

Mr. Rice's children by his first wife were: 1. Helen Rice, died when five years old. 2. Edward Thomson Rice, born December 26, 1886, married, in 1915, Harriet Marie Church, of Erie, Pennsylvania. He is chairman of the board of the Schenectady Trust Company; has three children: i. Elizabeth Stratton, born December 8, 1916. ii. Margaret Patricia, born November 13, 1919. iii. Natalie, born October 14, 1921. 3. Chester Williams Rice, born December 16, 1888, married, at Lynn, Massachusetts, Helen Currier; children: i. Barbara, now Mrs. Frederick Stevens Allen, born October 2, 1914. ii. Wilbur Currier, born January 20, 1916. iii. Priscilla, born June 16, 1918. iv. Chester Thomson, born March 3, 1922. v. Helen, born July 27, 1923. He is in the engineering department of the General Electric Company at Schenectady. 4. Mabel Rice, born August 5, 1891, was married in Japan, to Philo W. Parker, of New York, who was born April 13, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Rice attended the wedding.

Edwin Wilbur Rice, Jr., did not permit himself many diversions from his main life work. He considered a whole week in Florida a long vacation and usually confined his recreations to week-ends. He was fond of golf and curling, of hunting and fishing but never relaxed for long until he became comparatively inactive as chairman of the board of General Electric. Even then he had many interests that kept him vigilant and alert. He died at Schenectady on November 25, 1935, and so passed one who by the sheer force of his genius mounted the heights of success, and in doing so bestowed many lasting benefits on the national life. During his lifetime he did all that lay in his power to enable younger men to ascend an even brighter way than he had trod, and there are many who attribute their success in life to the assistance and sound advice he was always so ready to give.

GARDINER KLINE—For more than two-thirds of a century the Kline name has been outstanding in the field of publishing and journalism in Amsterdam, New York. Over this long period only two generations were involved, father and son: William J. and Gardiner Kline. The careers of the two men are peculiarly similar; each was a graduate of Union College; each showed such exceptional scholarship as to win the Phi Beta Kappa "key"; each began his journalistic career immediately upon leaving college; both have been notable figures in the life and affairs of Amsterdam.

Gardiner Kline was born in Amsterdam, July 3, 1878, son of William J. and Emily (Gardiner) Kline. His mother was also a native of Amsterdam, born July 20, 1848, who died here May 30, 1931. William J. Kline was born in Fultonville, New York, November 7, 1848, and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York, in 1872, a Bachelor of Arts. Later he received the honorary degrees from his *alma mater* of Master of Arts and Doctor of Humane Letters. As already indicated, he was a Phi Beta Kappa and belonged to the Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity. He went into the newspaper business because it was the one thing he wanted most to do. How well he succeeded will be outlined later in this record. William J. Kline was an official of the Montgomery Trust Company, a trustee of the Amsterdam Savings Bank, a leader in civic and humanitarian organizations and movements.

Gardiner Kline received his preparatory education in the public schools of Amsterdam, in Dresden, Germany, and the Irving School, Tarrytown, New York. Matriculating at Union College, Schenectady, he was graduated with the class of 1901, a Bachelor of Arts. He won a much sought after scholastic honor when chosen to the Phi Beta Kappa. His social fraternity was Alpha Delta Phi. From Union College Gardiner Kline returned to Amsterdam to become associated with his father in the publishing business.

A career in newspaperdom is not easy to achieve, especially under a father who has proven his leadership, and holds to high ideals. The wearing of a Phi Beta Kappa key is a hindrance rather than a help when one is learning the infinite phases of newspaper publishing. Gardiner Kline survived the early days and learned his vocation. A colleague recently said of him: "Kline could get a job as a reporter or manager in most any phase of the newspaper game, on his ability alone, right now when there are many fine journalists seeking work. He is fortunate in picking the profession for which he is fitted and to which he has been willing to devote his best energies."

Gardiner Kline is president of "The Amsterdam Evening Recorder & Daily Democrat" Publishing Company. The history of this paper reaches far back into the past, for it is a direct descendant of pioneer newspapers in the Mohawk Valley. Sufficient here to mention that in 1833 the "Amsterdam Evening Recorder" was established as a weekly. The "Democrat" was started in 1870, also as a weekly. After graduation from college, the elder Mr. Kline purchased the "Democrat" (1873) and continued its weekly edition until 1879, when he established "The Daily Democrat," which has been continued by the Kline family down to the present day. William J. Kline, in 1893, took over the "Amsterdam Evening Recorder" and combined them as "The Amsterdam Evening Recorder & Daily Democrat." And such it has been ever since. The last word of its title is not meant to deceive but to perpetuate a name, for the "Recorder-Democrat" is Republican editorially, but aims at all times to be an honest and alert "recorder" of the news without regard to politics.

Gardiner Kline became a partner in the publishing business in 1902. The company was incorporated in 1922, with his father as president and himself as secretary and treasurer. Since his father's death in November, 1930, Gardiner Kline has been the president and directing head of the establishment. The publisher of a newspaper of substantial circulation is of necessity a man of wide influence, even if he does no more than get out each edition. Mr. Kline has chosen to do more, and has been drafted upon many occasions for public service. Along business lines he is a trustee of the Amsterdam Savings Bank, vice-president and a director of the Farmers National Bank of Amsterdam, and is financially interested in other enterprises. He is vice-president of the Amsterdam Free Library, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, a trustee of the Home for Elderly Women; of the Good Will Club, of Amsterdam; and of the Second Presbyterian Church, in the city, also serving as secretary of its board. Mr. Kline is a former president of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce, and a popular figure in its membership. Fraternally he is affiliated with Amsterdam Lodge, No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Welcome Lodge, No. 829, Free and Accepted Masons; Amsterdam Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery, Knights Templar; and Oriental Temple, Troy, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Among his recreations are shooting, fishing, travel, and he is a member of the Antlers Country Club and of the Bourbonnais Hunting and Fishing Club of Canada. One hobby is the taking of motion pictures in color, of which, while on his travels, he has accumulated many fine specimens of this type of photography.

JAMES E. KNOX—Operating the Knox Gelatine Company, in Johnstown, James E. Knox is recognized as one of the leading business men and civic workers in this area. He interests himself in a wide variety of organizations and activities in the Capital Region of New York State, and is honored and trusted wherever he is known.

Mr. Knox was born December 11, 1892, in Johnstown, New York, son of Charles B. and Rose (Markward) Knox. His maternal grandparents were David and Amanda (Foreman) Markward. Charles Briggs Knox, James E. Knox's father, who died in 1908, founded the gelatine business in 1891. He and his wife were both active in the conception, launching and management of this company, and she continued as its president after his death. Charles B. Knox was originally a knit goods salesman, residing in St. Johnsville, but, desiring to start his own business, purchased a gelatine factory in Johnstown. Lacking the money wherewith to go out as his own salesman, he obtained employment as a glove salesman, and handled gelatine from his own plant on the side. Sometimes Mrs. Knox went with him on his trips, or occasionally one of his sons took her place. So it was that all members of the family acquainted themselves with the problems of salesmanship. As Mrs. Knox has said: "All through my married life and all through the boyhood of our two sons, we three were being brought up to be able to cope with life. We met business men and heard the discussions between them and my husband. To his wisdom and patience—for it would probably have been easier many times for him to just go his own way without explanation—we owed much happiness then, and later, safety." Charles B. Knox understood the value of modern advertising, just then coming into its own, and

Cecil C. Finch.

had also what has been described as a "keen sense of the situation." Advertising "Knox Sparkling Gelatine" with dirigible balloons and airplanes when these devices were in the infancy of their history, he introduced methods that were everywhere studied by less original students of advertising. At the same time Mrs. Knox prepared recipes for housewives who used gelatine, devising her famous booklet, "Dainty Desserts for Dainty People," issued free of charge to help the housewives with their daily tasks. This cook book is still known for its fine recipes for desserts, salads and gelatine candies. Taking over the business at her husband's death, in 1908, she found herself confronted by many challenging problems, including the need for a new factory. She planned for a large airy kitchen high up in the building, with a main floor like any clean, immaculate home, and at the same time arranged for construction as modern and fireproof as it was possible to obtain. She introduced indirect lighting and many devices to make life easier for the employees, and arranged for every possible sanitary improvement in the plant. The Knox home, of Colonial architecture, with beautifully landscaped grounds and capacious greenhouses housing rare orchids, became one of the show places of Johnstown and a center of warm and delightful hospitality. Mrs. Knox also became a community benefactor, donating the athletic field and stadium and field house to the Johnstown Board of Education and a swimming pool to the local Young Men's Christian Association. She also gave to Johnstown and Fulton County the Willing Helpers' Home for Women. Charles Briggs and Rose (Markward) Knox became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Markward Knox, born March 13, 1888. 2. James Elisha Knox, of further mention. 3. Helen Knox.

James Elisha Knox attended public schools in Johnstown; St. John's School, in Manlius; the Haverford School, where he was graduated in 1911; and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, where he was graduated in 1912. Returning then to his native city of Johnstown, where he had already received boyhood training in the manufacturing and selling branches of the gelatine business, he became now his mother's capable assistant. Since that time, as vice-president, he has taken over most of her more arduous duties. The Knox organization employs a large year-around staff, and, in addition to its central plant at Johnstown, has branches in Montreal, Canada, and Camden, New Jersey. Much of the packing in barrels is done at the Camden plant.

Not only has Mr. Knox's work done much for the furtherance of prosperity and well-being in Johnstown, but he has taken part in community affairs in many ways. Politically he is a Republican, active in party affairs. In the Free and Accepted Masons he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is affiliated with Gloversville Consistory, as well as with Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Colonial Club and the Sir William Johnson Country Club. During the World War he became a private in the army, and served for one and one-half years in the Aviation Corps, rising to lieutenant, the commission that he held at the time of his honorable discharge. Mr. Knox belongs also to the Johnstown Presbyterian Church.

James Elisha Knox married, February 7, 1914, at Orange, New Jersey, Eleanor Williams Eckfeldt, daughter of Edward H. and Eleanor (Williams) Eckfeldt. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Mary Elizabeth Knox, born August 26, 1916. 2. John Brooks Knox, born July 21, 1918. 3. Nora Knox, born May 7, 1922. 4. Rose Ann Knox, born July 22, 1926.

CECIL C. FINCH—Since 1916, Cecil C. Finch has been associated with the Broadalbin Knitting Company, Ltd., of which he now serves as president. In this long established manufacturing organization he represents the second generation of his family, following his father as chief executive of the company.

Mr. Finch was born at Broadalbin, Fulton County, on August 8, 1893, son of Dr. Henry C. Finch, who was born at Northampton, Fulton County, in 1861 and died on November 15, 1933, and Charlotte A. (Barker) Finch, who was born at Edinburg, Saratoga County, in 1862, and is still living. Through his paternal grandmother, Pamelia (Shew) Finch, he is descended from one of Fulton County's oldest families, tracing his ancestry through the Shew line established at Northampton about 1762. His father, a physician, was a graduate of Albany Medical College and after qualifying for his profession, was engaged in practice at Broadalbin until his death. For some years he was coroner of Fulton County. He was also one of the organizers and original stockholders of the Broadalbin Knitting Company and was its president for approximately twenty years prior to the close of his career.

Cecil C. Finch received his preliminary education in the public schools of Broadalbin and at Colgate Academy, where he was graduated in 1910. Preparing for a career as an engineer, he received the degree of Mechanical Engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy in 1914 and subsequently studied at Lowell Textile School, Lowell, Massachusetts. At the end of one year with the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Finch joined the Broadalbin Knitting Company at Broadalbin as assistant superintendent. After several years of service, he became superintendent of the Broadalbin plant and at a later date, vice-president. Upon his father's death in 1933, he assumed the presidency of the company, whose operations have since been under his executive control. The business of this company as manufacturers of knitted fabrics and garments originated in 1888 and has since been continued without interruption. The first plant, burned down in 1905, was replaced by the present plant in 1907, to which a number of additions have been made from time to time in more recent years. The Broadalbin plant employs approximately five hundred people and a branch plant in Anniston, Alabama, gives employment to about 125 workers. Products of the company are distributed in a national market.

Mr. Finch, whose position and record make him one of the business leaders of Fulton County, has also served as president of the Broadalbin Bank and is now vice-president and director of this institution. He is past mayor of Broadalbin, in which office he served two terms, and has been a member of the Broadalbin School Board since 1918, heading the board as president at the present time. He has been actively interested in the Boy Scout movement and has been a member of Fulton County Council, Boy Scouts of America, for approximately twenty years. Mr. Finch is also prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of Kennyetto Lodge, No. 599, Free and Accepted Masons, at Broadalbin; member of Johnstown Chapter, No. 78, Royal Arch Masons; member of Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar, at Gloversville; and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Albany. In 1928-29 he was District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for the Fulton-Herkimer-Montgomery District.

In addition to these connections, Mr. Finch is a member of the Broadalbin Chamber of Commerce, the Eccentric Club of Gloversville, the Congressional Country Club of Washington, District of Columbia, the Theta Chi fraternity and the Tau Beta Pi honorary fraternity. He is a Republican in politics and an active member of the Baptist Church. Golf and tennis are his favorite recreations.

On July 3, 1916, Cecil C. Finch married Olga Lofgren, of Lowell, Massachusetts, daughter of Halvar Lofgren and Ulrika (Pihl) Lofgren. Mr. and Mrs. Finch are the parents of three children: Elma U., born December 6, 1917, who was graduated from Vassar College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1938, married, November 14, 1940, Lawrence P. Mills, Jr., now residing in Cleveland, Ohio; Rogers B., born April 16, 1920, graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June, 1941, now second lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia; and Stuart C., born August 6, 1921, a junior at Dartmouth College, and entering the University of Rochester Medical School in 1941.

WALTER SHELDON GIFFORD—Long interested in banking and financial affairs, Walter Sheldon Gifford is cashier of the Glenville Bank, of Scotia.

Mr. Gifford was born November 24, 1893, in Schenectady, New York, son of William and Adelaide G. (Richardson) Gifford. His father, a native of Princetown, New York, was for years a civil engineer until his death. The mother, who is also deceased, was born at Fairfax Court House, Virginia.

Public schools of Schenectady provided the early education of Walter Sheldon Gifford, who was graduated from high school there in 1913. For approximately eight years he was with the Citizens' Trust Company, of Schenectady, serving in different clerical capacities and as teller. Then came the period of his World War service with the United States Navy, which lasted eighteen months until he was honorably discharged in the spring of 1919. He was then engaged in different lines of activity until, in 1921, he became associated with the Schenectady Trust Company, with whom he remained for several years, serving in different capacities and at length becoming assistant secretary and assistant trust officer of the organization. He resigned from his connection with that institution on April 1, 1937, when he came to the Glenville Bank, of Scotia, as cashier. He has continued here in this capacity since that time, and since July, 1937, has been a director of the bank.

In addition to his work along these lines, Mr. Gifford is a director of the Scotia Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Scotia Rotary Club. He holds memberships in the American Institute of Banking, Schenectady Chapter; Scotia Post, No. 1001, of the American Legion; Scotia Post, No. 1001, of the Last Man's Club; the Guan-ho-ha Fish and Game Club; and the district committee of the Schenectady Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a director of the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, Inc., secretary of Group V, New York State Bankers' Association, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady. In leisure time he is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly enjoying gardening.

On April 26, 1926, Walter Sheldon Gifford married Katherine Davis Peck, of Hampton, Virginia, daughter of Edward F. and Mary (Booth) Peck. Four children were born of this marriage: Virginia, Walter S., Jr., Folger Peck, and Mary Augusta Gifford.

HARRY B. LOCKWOOD—As general manager of the Schenectady plant of the General Ice Corporation, Harry B. Lockwood has earned the respect and admiration of his contemporaries here. The company sells ice cream under the trade name of "Sealtest," a nationally known product, and milk under the name of "Cream-Crest," a local product.

Mr. Lockwood was born August 9, 1896, in Watertown, Connecticut, son of Charles E. and Ruth (Atwood) Lockwood, both natives of that same community. His mother died December 27, 1921.

Harry B. Lockwood attended public schools in Watertown, where he was graduated in 1916 from high school. In 1920 he received the Bachelor of Science degree from Connecticut State College, at Storrs, Connecticut. He then entered the employ of the New Haven Dairy, at New Haven, which later was acquired by the Eastern Dairies. The Eastern Dairies were, in turn, absorbed by the General Ice Cream Corporation, the present organization. Mr. Lockwood has been continuously with the company down to the time of writing, coming from Buffalo to Schenectady in the autumn of 1937 to be general manager of the local plant. The Schenectady plant represents the International Division of the General Ice Cream Corporation. This corporation was founded in 1925, with headquarters in Schenectady, for the purpose of manufacturing and selling milk and milk products. It has plants in both New England and New York State, and employs approximately 104 people in its International Division, as well as eighty-nine in the main office, which is also located in Schenectady, situated at No. 710 Eastern Avenue. The General Ice Cream Corporation not only distributes "Sealtest" ice cream and "Cream-Crest" milk; but manufactures condensed milk and milk by-products which it ships throughout the New England States. The officers of the company are: V. F. Hovey, president; Peter Paul Miller, vice-president and sales manager; and L. C. Anderson, controller; H. B. Lockwood, general manager.

Along with his business activities, Mr. Lockwood has taken a lively interest in social and civic affairs in his city. He is a Republican in his political views. In 1940 he was elected president of the Lions' Club of Schenectady, and president of the Schenectady Dairy Council. He is also a member of Schenectady Post, No. 21, American Legion, and a member of the Federal Lodge, No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons, of Watertown, Connecticut; also a member of the lower Mohawk Club and the Schenectady Safety Council. During the World War he served in the United States Army. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, being particularly fond of flowers and of fishing. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On September 8, 1923, Harry B. Lockwood married Laura Decker, of Watertown, Connecticut, daughter of George H. and Anna (Norton) Decker. One son was born of this marriage: H. Beecher Lockwood, on March 18, 1927.

WILLIAM CLAY RULAND—There is probably no man in Schoharie County better informed on its history than William Clay Ruland, of Cobleskill, and certainly there are few who know more of the topography of upper eastern New York State. The two statements are based on the fact that Mr. Ruland for twenty-seven years has been associated with engineering work in this section of New York in a variety of its phases, although chiefly in connection with the construction and maintenance of highways. For some years he has been identified with the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways. He is an authority on Schoharie County history because he has been interested in this since boyhood, and for some time gave exceptional leadership to the County Historical Society.

Mr. Ruland was born at Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York, February 8, 1888, son of Henry Clay and Clara J. (Wood) Ruland, both of whom were natives of this county. His mother, who died in 1922, was born at Eminence; his father, a wagonworker, carpenter and agriculturalist, was born at East Cobleskill and died in Jefferson in 1926. There were two children of this marriage, Harold B., who still lives on the old homestead; and William Clay, the subject of this biography.

William Clay Ruland was graduated from the Jefferson High School, in 1907, and matriculated at Union College, class of 1913. He became a licensed civil engineer and surveyor, starting his professional career in the office of the New York State Engineer. For some time his activities were connected with the Erie Canal, but in 1919 he was placed in charge of all the State highways work in Sullivan County. During the following year he was made assistant engineer, in charge of the bridges, highways and allied work in Schoharie County, New York State, Department of Highways, Division of Highways. Two decades of exceptional endeavors have won him the approval of the people of this section of New York and wide reputation among highway engineers.

The importance of the contributions local historians make to the knowledge and understanding of our country is often not recognized until too late. It has been a hobby of Mr. Ruland to collect records, books, relics, photographs and the hundred and one things that throw light upon the annals of some section. In addition he has helped to inspire others with an interest in historic things. During the three years that he served as president of the Schoharie Historical Society, the membership increased from sixty to three hundred, and many valuable additions were made to its collections. Mr. Ruland is a former president of the Cobleskill Rotary Club (1930-1931). He is affiliated with the Cobleskill Lodge, No. 394, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master (1926). In 1934, he was District Deputy for the Otsego-Schoharie District. He is a member of the Methodist Church of Cobleskill.

On October 23, 1913, William Clay Ruland married Jessie M. Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Martin, born June 15, 1887, at Gilboa, New York, and attended Jefferson High School. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Ruland are the parents of two children: 1. Winifred Lenora, born at Canajahorie, July 25, 1913, a graduate of Cobleskill High School and Ithaca College. From 1935 to 1937 she was supervisor of music at the Oriskany Falls Central School, and since then has occupied the same post at Stamford Central School. In December, 1939, she married Warner M. Bouck, an attorney of Middleburg and Albany. 2. Arthur, born December 4, 1916, at Central Bridge; educated in Cobleskill Central School and Union College.

BOUCK AND SANFORD FAMILIES—William C. Bouck was the only Governor that Schoharie County gave to the Empire State. "He was," says the historian, William E. Roscoe, "a descendant of Christian Bouck," who was an emigrant from the Palatinate to the New World. Christian's son, William, in 1775, purchased land in the town of Fulton, Schoharie County, that later became known as Bouck's Island. On this land William settled three of his sons: Christian receiving the center portion; John, the north part, William, Jr., getting the south part. In 1795-96, John sold his holdings and removed to Schoharie Village where he became an assistant county judge. Christian remained on his share to his death, in 1836, at the age of eighty-three years. William fought in the American Revolution. Taken a prisoner in July, 1780, he escaped only to be recaptured by Indians, but lived to tell the tale. He married Ann Henry, born in Amsterdam, who died in 1770; her husband lived to 1799.

William Bouck, Jr., son of William and Ann (Henry) Bouck, was the first white child born in Schoharie County, according to Simms. Christian Bouck was the father of the Hon. William C. Bouck, born January 7, 1786, in the "mansion" still standing on Bouck's Island. He was baptized in August by Dominie Wackenhager; studied in the first school in the town of Fulton under Isaac Bushnell. His splendid public career was initiated as clerk of his birth-town; then he was supervisor, and next was sheriff of Schoharie County (1812-13). For two terms (1814-18) William C. Bouck was a State Assemblyman; in 1819 was appointed colonel of the 18th Regiment of Infantry; was State Senator, 1821-22, and from 1821 to 1840 was Erie Canal Commissioner. After suffering a political defeat by William H. Seward, he was renominated by the Democratic party in 1842 and elected to the gubernatorial chair by a majority exceeding twenty thousand.

The record of Governor Bouck's administration may be found in the historical volumes of this work. One outstanding feature of his term in office was the economy he insisted upon in the use of public funds; he was a pioneer "watch-dog of the treasury." In 1846 the Governor was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and that same year was made assistant treasurer of New York City, serving until 1849, when he retired to Bouck's Island, where he died in April, 1859, at the age of seventy-three years.

Edward S. Ronan, a great-grandson of Governor Bouck, has a packet of old letters written by Governor Bouck, which discloses literary charm, while his messages as Governor show a broad comprehensive knowledge of legal principles and a clear understanding of the Constitution of his State and Nation.

Governor William C. Bouck married Catherine Lawyer, born in 1787, and died in 1861, by whom he had six children: 1. Ann, married Schoharie County Judge Lyman Sanford, and their children were: i. Anne E., who married Rev. Dr. Adam Martin, a professor at Penn College, Gettysburg, and at one time was pastor of the Lutheran Church at Middleburg; they had one child: Sanford B. Martin, a New Haven, Connecticut, lawyer, now deceased. ii. Charles. iii. Mary, who married, in 1883, Major Edward D. Ronan, a prominent Albany attorney, and one time Assemblyman; they had two children, Charles L., a New York City civil engineer, since deceased; and Edward S. Ronan, who is now living in Middleburg. 2. Charles, born on Bouck's Island, September 7, 1829; attended local school and Albany City Academy; married, in 1859, Juliet Best, daughter of Benjamin Best; in 1859 and 1865 he was elected to the Board of Supervisors by almost unanimous vote; served in New York State Assembly in 1878. There were four children: i. Kate, who married Charles Cornell, son of Governor Alonzo B. Cornell. ii. Margaret, who married Harry Cornell, also a son of Governor Cornell. iii. William, who lives in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. iv. Charles, Jr., a resident of Ithaca, New York. 3. Catherine, married General Erskine Danforth, of Middleburg, New York, and their children were: i. Charles, died in infancy. ii. William C., named for his distinguished grandfather; cashier for many years until his death, of First National Bank of Middleburg; he married Kate Vroman, daughter of Dow Vroman, of Middleburg. 4. Gabriel, graduate of Union College, 1848, and shortly thereafter removed to Oshkosh, Wisconsin; a colonel in the Civil War, member of Congress, and an Attorney-General of the State of Wisconsin; a Democrat and a colorful character.

Emory A. Chase

(Sanford Family).

From a memorial published in the "Albany Argus" the following material is derived:

Judge Lyman Sanford died at Middleburgh, Schoharie County, March 14, 1881, aged sixty-nine years, four months, having been born at Greenville, Greene County, New York, on November 13, 1811. He attended the Greenville Academy; graduated from Union College in 1831; then taught school for one year and started reading law in New York City with his brother-in-law, Hon. Erastus Barnes, and with Hon. Robert McClellan, at Middleburgh; admitted to New York bar in 1835 and formed partnership with his brother, Hon. Whitehall Sanford, practicing in New York City until the spring of 1839. In 1837 he married Ann E. Bouck, daughter of Governor William C. Bouck (*q. v.*), and they removed in the spring of 1839 permanently to Middleburgh. In January, 1840, he became the law partner of Hon. Peter S. Danforth, ex-Justice of Supreme Court, and so continued until January, 1856. He was a great favorite of his father-in-law, Governor Bouck, and during 1843 held the office of Adjutant-General of New York State, subsequently serving as executor of Governor Bouck's will. Elected county judge of Schoharie County in the fall of 1855, he held office until 1864. He practiced at Middleburgh alone until January 1, 1866, when he formed a partnership with ex-District Attorney William E. Thorne, which continued until Mr. Sanford's death. In 1845 he succeeded Governor Bouck as financial agent of Hartwick Seminary, in Otsego County, and so remained until resigning in 1880, also serving as trustee from 1859, and treasurer of board of trustees from 1869, and president of the board of trustees from 1874. He was one of the organizers of the Middleburgh & Schoharie Railroad and director of that corporation from its organization until his death. He was also its first treasurer and afterward vice-president of same. He was one of the directors, also treasurer, of Middleburgh & Schoharie Plank Road from its organization to its abandonment. "He aided materially and contributed liberally in building up and maintaining every worthy enterprise in Middleburgh."

(Edward Sanford Ronan).

Edward Sanford Ronan was born at Albany, New York, son of Major Edward D. and Mrs. Mary (Sanford) Ronan and grandson of Governor William C. Bouck (*q. v.*), and the only descendant of this family still living in Schoharie County. Major Ronan, a former attorney and Assemblyman of Albany, married, in 1883, Mary Sanford, of Middleburg, daughter of Judge Lyman Sanford (*q. v.*) and Mrs. Ann E. (Bouck) Sanford.

Edward Sanford Ronan was educated in the Albany High School; Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; and then was engaged in manufacturing until 1932, when he retired. Mr. Ronan is a member of the Harvard Club and Sons of the Revolution of New York, Fort Orange Club of Albany, and the Schuyler Meadows Club of Loudonville.

On November 30, 1910, Edward Sanford Ronan married Ama Dutton, daughter of Asa Starkweather and Amelia Graceley Dutton. Mr. and Mrs. Ronan are the parents of two children: 1. Edward Sanford Ronan, Jr., born September 5, 1911, at Middleburg, who is now a lawyer associated with ex-Governor Nathan Miller's law firm. He prepared for higher education in Albany Academy; won a Plattsburg prize scholarship to Yale University, from which he was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School in 1933, a Bachelor of Science, and Yale Law School in 1936. He then went with the law firm of ex-Governor Nathan Miller, and is a successful corporation lawyer. 2. Carolyn Graceley, born May 3, 1929, at Middleburg, is now attending school at that place.

HON. EMORY ALBERT CHASE—As a lawyer and jurist, the Hon. Emory Albert Chase earned a position of prominence in his home community of Catskill and in the surrounding district of Greene County and New York State. He held several different judgeships, concluding his judicial service as a judge of the Court of Appeals of New York State, in which position he continued his activities until the close of his life. His public spirit and his remarkable generosity and consideration for others caused him to be respected, honored and trusted in every quarter in which he was known.

Judge Chase was born August 31, 1854, at Hensonville, Greene County, New York, son of Albert and Laura Orinda (Woodworth) Chase. His mother was the daughter of Abner and Betsey (Judson) Woodworth, who were married in 1844 at East Jewett, New York. Judge Chase was a descendant of early Colonial stock. His great ancestor, Thomas Chase, came to America from Hundred Parish, Chesham, England, in 1636. There are seven generations from Thomas Chase to Emory A. Chase. He received his early formal education in the Hensonville school, finishing his studies at Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, where he was a student in the early seventies of the last century. From 1871 to 1877 he taught in the village schools of Greene County, working during the summer months on his father's farm and at the carpenter's trade, while keeping up his interest in study with a view to the practice of law. On March 27, 1877, he entered the law office of King and Hallock, of Catskill, New York, where he devoted himself to legal study for three years, being admitted to the bar on May 6, 1880. Prior to his admission he had been a law clerk in the law firm of Hallock and Jennings, the successors of King and Hallock, and on July 4, 1882, he was admitted as partner under the firm name Hallock, Jennings and Chase. Mr. Hallock retired on September 22, 1890, and the firm became Jennings and Chase and so continued until December 1, 1896, when it was dissolved upon the elevation of Mr. Chase to the Supreme Court. This was not, however, the first public honor that was tendered to Mr. Chase. While he was a Republican from childhood, he was personally popular without regard to party lines, and service was thrust upon him solely upon the basis of his worth to the community. From 1882 to 1896 he was elected to and served as a member of the Board of Education of Catskill, of which board he was president for five years. He served for some time as Corporation Counsel of Catskill. He was also vice-president of the Tanners National Bank, of Catskill, and first vice-president of the Catskill Savings Bank.

Continuously from 1896, most of the way through two fourteen-year terms, Emory Albert Chase served on the bench of the Supreme Court of New York State, Third District, and from 1901 to 1906 was also judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. After January 9, 1906, he was a judge of the Court of Appeals. At first he was assigned to the Appeals bench by the Governor. Then, in November, 1920, he was duly elected to that court, continuing on this assignment for the rest of his life. In his quarter of a century on the bench, including fifteen years with the Court of Appeals, Judge Chase revealed striking qualities of fairness and impartiality, so essential to one performing a judicial function, and his dignity and poise were qualities that brought him the affection of many. For further interpretations and appraisal, there is no better source than the "Memorial" adopted by the Court of Appeals, October 3, 1931, which contains the illuminating paragraphs:

> Necessarily the bar and the public base their judgment of an appellate judge largely upon his written opinions. These are almost the only available test by which they can measure his judicial ability. Judge Chase's reputation might well rest upon this test. His opinions, spread through fifty-four volumes of Appellate Division Reports and through forty-eight volumes of the New York Court of Appeals Reports, are the well expressed views of a learned and able judge. They are written in a plain and simple style, reinforced by carefully selected citations, never made dangerous or confusing by undesirable illustrations or unnecessary dicta. He who reads, whether lawyer or intelligent layman, may indeed understand them and appreciate the line of reasoning which led to the final conclusion, even though disagreeing with that conclusion. They will be a lasting monument to the judge who wrote them.
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> But the truth is that a judge's opinions are a very incomplete test and measure of his ability and usefulness. They indeed reveal in some degree the manner in which his mind works, his capacity for logical and forceful reasoning and expression, his industry in searching authorities and, perhaps, his judicial tendencies on certain classes of questions where men's minds naturally take different directions. But they give no adequate conception of the work which a judge does and of the ability which he may display in preparing for and carrying on the consideration and consultation which lead to the decision and final opinion. This work is done in the seclusion of chamber or consultation room, unseen and unappreciated by any except associates. It is fundamental. No grace of expression or brilliancy of reasoning in an opinion can atone for error or injustice which, through lack of thorough examination and consultation, may have entered into the decision.
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> In this essential and basic work no one excelled Judge Chase. He was indefatigable in his labor. He listened with attention and unusual power of assimilation to the oral argument. No volume of record and no length of brief ever deterred him from an examination of every fact and principle of law which seemed to be involved in the decision of an appeal. He came into the consultation with genial and tolerant personality but with convictions which he was thoroughly prepared to maintain to the end, unless convinced of error. His reports and discussions were full, accurate and always helpful. As a case traveled around the consultation table from judge to judge, it never frightened or drove him from his position that one judge, or three, or even six, differed from him. If that interchange of views disclosed to his mind some new aspect of a case, which had escaped him, and which fairly overthrew the view which he had entertained, he was never ashamed to yield. But if the correctness of his conclusions, in his opinion, remained unimpaired, he had the courage to stand by them, and the reports are ample evidence of his steadfastness and of his courage to dissent from a decision which seemed to him wrong. Thus he possessed the ability to present in virile fashion his own views and yet keep his mind open to the merits of a differing one which might be urged by some colleague. His response to the demands and tests which measure the usefulness and worth of an appellate judge was ideal.
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> Such were some of the qualities by which Judge Chase ever held the deep respect and affectionate regard of those who worked with him so constantly and knew him so intimately. His was no character whose qualities seemed to assume fairer proportions or greater merits in proportion as the distance increased from which one contemplated them.

On June 30, 1885, Judge Emory Albert Chase married Mary Elizabeth Churchill, of Prattsville, New York, who survived him, with a daughter, Jessie Churchill, who married James Lewis Malcolm, an attorney of Catskill, New York, now deceased, and a son, Albert Woodworth Chase, of Catskill.

Upon the death of Judge Chase on June 25, 1921, the press, members of the bench and bar, and notables in all walks of life, vied in paying tributes to his character and career. From the "Memorial of the Court of Appeals,"

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an extended quotation has been made. Every organization —civic, business, professional and social—recorded their encomiums. The final word was spoken by a contemporary, the Rev. Christopher G. Hazard, D. D., who began the funeral address:

> We have looked upon Judge Chase and loved him. He was an American of the highest type. He did justly, loved kindness, and walked humbly with his God as a product of his Christian faith. Placed in high office by the confidence of the people, he both magnified his office and filled it with ability, multiplying his public services with ever widening influence and ability. In his private life he endeared himself to many by his unselfish consideration, patient attention, and willing consecration of his great knowledge and rare powers to the uses of friendship. He had the magnetism of resource and good will, and thus attracted to himself a host that he never sent empty away. Wise in counsel, adequate in difficulty, accurate in estimations, particularly exact in decisions, fearless in convictions; more than professionally just, conscientiously just in settlements, he encouraged truth and righteousness; while falsity was exposed in his presence, duplicity rebuked, dishonor abashed, meanness ashamed. In him was a combination of dignity and humility, of simplicity and wisdom, of strength and sweetness, seldom found in men. Intellectual power, with its zeal for truth, actuality, reality, rarely combines with tenderness of heart, with constancy of patient kindness amid its weighty cares, but here was an interested and helpful friend for every comer.

FRANK H. OSBORN—For years Frank H. Osborn was a successful lawyer in Catskill, where he was a member first of the firm of Jennings and Osborn, then of the firm of Osborn and Bloodgood, which eventually became Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray. He held public office and rendered valuable service to his fellow-citizens in a variety of ways. He exerted a profound influence in his community, was skilful in argument on important public questions, and was kind, generous and fair-minded in his personal and business relationships.

Mr. Osborn was born May 22, 1857, in Windham, New York. A brother, W. Irving Osborn, of Evanston, Illinois, and two sisters, Mrs. Ella F. (Osborn) Peck, who resided with her brother in Catskill, and Mrs. Dorville S. Coe, of Brooklyn, were among Frank H. Osborn's survivors.

Receiving his early education in his native district, Frank H. Osborn came in young manhood to Catskill, where he studied law in the office of the late John A. Griswold. Admitted to the bar in 1880, he practiced his profession until, in 1886, he was elected district attorney of Greene County, in which office he served for three years. He established for himself an excellent record as a prosecutor, and his career promised to become a brilliant one. After retiring from this office, Mr. Osborn practiced law alone. Following the election of Emory A. Chase (*q. v.*) to the Supreme Court bench and his retirement from the law firm of Jennings and Chase to assume his new duties, Mr. Osborn joined in partnership with W. Irving Jennings, on December 1, 1896, to form the new firm of Jennings and Osborn.

On May 1, 1898, Mr. Jennings retired, and the firm then came to be known as Osborn and Bloodgood, consisting of Frank H. Osborn and Albert C. Bloodgood. On January 1, 1905, Howard C. Wilbur was admitted to the partnership, whereupon the firm came to be known as Osborn, Bloodgood and Wilbur. On March 1, 1916, John L. Fray (*q. v.*) entered the firm, which then was renamed Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray. Mr. Osborn's law practice and public service caused him to be widely and favorably known, as did his memberships and active participation in such organizations as the Greene County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His community services were many-sided. For several years he was a trustee and president of his village. After August 3, 1897, he was a trustee of the Catskill Savings Bank. He was a member of the advisory committee in charge of erection of the present courthouse. In 1931, the year of his death, he was designated Special Assistant Attorney-General by Attorney-General Bennett, to assist in prosecution in Greene County of indictments against Jack ("Legs") Diamond and other alleged gangsters.

Of Mr. Osborn it has been written:

> Mr. Osborn was one of the outstanding members of his profession and his reputation as a lawyer was widespread. He tried important cases in many courts of this State and he was known as a quick-witted, brilliant and learned practitioner. He won many a hard-fought legal battle in court and was often complimented by his antagonists for his ability as a trial lawyer. It was characteristic of him that he always gave to every case in which he figured the best that was in him. He fought just as hard to win an unimportant case as he did in matters in which large sums were involved.
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> During his long career as a lawyer Mr. Osborn was often matched against some of the greatest legal talent in the country and more than once he emerged from the contest a victor.
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> Mr. Osborn had the reputation of being exceedingly skilful in summing up a case and he never failed to make a deep impression on a jury. He was eloquent, forceful and expressive and he seldom referred to notes in making a final plea to a jury. He had a wonderfully retentive memory and with his broad knowledge of the law, his summations were always impressive and convincing.
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> Mr. Osborn exerted a great influence in the community in which he lived and this was manifested often at appropriation meetings, where he frequently appeared to speak for or against some item in the budget. He seldom failed to carry his point.

He was public-spirited, although at times, when convinced that some project was not advisable, he would oppose it with all the energy of which he was capable. Generous-hearted, Mr. Osborn gave liberally to charitable causes and any worthy object brought to his notice.

Frank H. Osborn married, June 12, 1895, Harriet Gage, the ceremony taking place at Durham, New Hampshire. She died March 23, 1931. They became the parents of two daughters: 1. Mrs. Forrest S. Emery, of Brookline, Massachusetts. 2. Mrs. William K. Kerr, of Brooklyn.

The death of Frank H. Osborn occurred November 20, 1931, at his home on William Street, Catskill, New York, and was an occasion of profound regret and sorrow. Many glowing tributes were paid him, and court was adjourned at Hudson out of respect for him. His accomplishments were highly constructive along a variety of lines, and he will long be affectionately remembered by a host of friends in all walks of life.

JOHN L. FRAY—For many years active in the practice of law in Catskill, John L. Fray is a member of the firm of Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray, of this city, a firm that, through its different forms, has a continuous history dating back over an entire century.

Mr. Fray was born February 18, 1885, in Columbia County, New York, and as an infant was brought to Greene County by his parents, John H. and Catherine R. (Brandow) Fray, where his father was engaged in landscaping work. The mother, who was born in 1856, is still an honored Greene County resident.

Public schools of Catskill provided John L. Fray's early formal education, and afterward he became a student at Albany Law School of Union University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1906. From law school he came to Catskill, engaging in a general practice of law. He has had a notable advantage in association with such preceptors as Senator Clarence E. Bloodgood and later with Frank H. Osborn, who, with others, gave him much of his preliminary law training. In 1916 Mr. Fray became a member of the law firm of Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray, in which his partners were Frank H. Osborn (*q. v.*), Albert C. Bloodgood and Howard C. Wilbur. Mr. Osborn, for years one of the members of the firm until his death November 20, 1931, was admitted to the bar in 1880, and on December 1, 1896, became associated with W. Irving Jennings in the firm of Jennings and Osborn, which succeeded Jennings and Chase, in which Emory A. Chase (*q. v.*) was a partner until his election to the Supreme Court bench in that year. Two years later Mr. Jennings withdrew, and the firm of Osborn and Bloodgood was established on May 1, 1898. Howard C. Wilbur came into the firm January 1, 1905, and it was thereafter known as Osborn, Bloodgood and Wilbur until Mr. Fray's admittance.

Mr. Fray's contribution to the firm has been a significant one, earning for him wide recognition and approval. The firm has as its clients the larger interests of the district, including the banking and larger corporations. Mr. Fray is counsel for the New York State Bridge Authority. He is a member of the Greene County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. A member of the bar since March, 1907, he has been a consistent Democrat in his political views, and is a director of both the Catskill Savings Bank and the Tanners' National Bank. He is a member of Catskill Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a trustee of the Methodist Church.

JAMES LEWIS MALCOLM—The late James Lewis Malcolm was trained to the profession of law and for a quarter of a century was a distinguished member of the Greene County bar. His professional attainments, however, and his success as a practicing attorney constituted only one phase of his career. In the sphere of public service and the realm of civic affairs, he had important responsibilities for many years and in the Republican party of Greene County he was long an influential figure. Throughout the closing period of his life, he was also editor and publisher of the "Greene County Examiner." Able, public-spirited and widely loved, he was one of the best known citizens of Catskill, and there were few phases of its life which did not benefit by the constructive force of his leadership.

Mr. Malcolm was born in Catskill on June 18, 1887, son of Joseph and Jeannie (Lewis) Malcolm and a descendant of a Scottish family. His father, who was born in New York, operated a woolen mill in Catskill for many years under the firm name of Malcolm & Pettingill.

James Lewis Malcolm received his preliminary education in the Catskill public schools and later was a student at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and at Yale University, where he prepared for his professional career. After taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Yale Law School in 1910, he was admitted to the bar and entered the office of the law firm of Kneeland, Harrison and Hewitt, in New York City. During two years of service there he became managing clerk of the office. In 1912, Mr. Malcolm returned to Catskill and established the law practice to which he devoted himself without interruption until the time of his death. In 1920 he formed a partnership with R. H. McQuistion of New York City, under the firm name of McQuistion and Malcolm. Offices of this firm were maintained in New York City and Mr. Malcolm continued the connection until the close of his

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career. At Catskill he subsequently formed a law partnership with Percy W. Decker and after this firm was dissolved he practiced alone with offices in the Masonic Temple. During the course of his career Mr. Malcolm appeared successfully in a wide variety of cases and frequently represented important interests. His professional standing was acknowledged by his colleagues and the public alike and by virtue of his attainments and record he became one of the leading members of the Greene County bar.

Shortly after his return to Catskill from New York City, Mr. Malcolm's legal talents were publicly recognized in his appointment to the post of corporation counsel of the village of Catskill. This office he held for sixteen years, from 1914 to 1930, during which he handled all legal details connected with the many public improvements undertaken by the village board of trustees, including, notably, the acquisition of the present Catskill water system, the Potic Dam and Reservoir, extensive paving projects and others. All bond issues and similar details involved in these projects were also under his full charge. In March, 1937, shortly before his death, Mr. Malcolm was again appointed corporation counsel at Catskill. Meanwhile, for nine years, beginning in 1919 and continuing through the years to 1927, he served as county attorney of Greene County, an office whose many responsibilities he also discharged with efficiency and zeal. In addition, he was town attorney for many years, serving at the time of his death, and for fifteen years, terminating with his resignation in 1930, acted as United States Referee in Bankruptcy. In 1934 he undertook and completed a revision of the village ordinances of Catskill, and his work in this connection was highly praised. The World War period brought him further responsibilities which he assumed as a duty of patriotic citizenship. Following the entry of the United States into the war, Mr. Malcolm acted as director of the military census of Greene County and chairman of the Red Cross drive in this county. He was also legal adviser of the local draft board, secretary of the Home Defense Committee and was afterward appointed supervisor of the Bureau of Imports of the War Trade Board, with headquarters in Washington, District of Columbia. Subsequently he became supervisor of the Bureau of Aircraft Production, in which capacity he had two thousand persons under his direction. Preferring military status to civilian service, he applied for and received a commission as second lieutenant and was assigned to duty in the legal department of the Aviation Corps. At this time he spent a year and a half in the national capital on active war service.

In addition to his professional connections, Mr. Malcolm had a number of business interests. He was both a director of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill and a trustee of the Catskill Savings Bank, long established and widely known financial institutions of this community. When the old "Catskill Daily Examiner" met financial difficulties and was forced into bankruptcy, Mr. Malcolm purchased this historic organ of news and opinion, renamed it the "Greene County Examiner," revitalized it and served as its editor and as president of the publishing company, Catskill Publications, Inc., until his death. This was a highly congenial interest, to which he devoted much of his time. Since his school days, when he was editor of the school paper of Phillips Academy and member of the staff of the Yale University paper, as well as New England sports correspondent for one of the large press associations, he had had a strong leaning toward journalism. That he was able to gratify this taste through his work with the "Greene County Examiner" was a source of great satisfaction to him.

Mr. Malcolm was long a power in Republican politics and served for many years as chairman of the Republican Village Committee and as chairman of the Republican Town Committee, which latter office he occupied at his death. He was also a member of the Republican County Committee during the greater part of his career and brought to its councils a whole-hearted allegiance to party interests, as well as the enterprising leadership and acute judgment which always distinguished him. His civic interests were innumerable, embracing all movements designed to promote the progress and welfare of Catskill and the county and the principal institutions of the area. Mr. Malcolm was president of the Greene County Tuberculosis Committee for several years and was a trustee of the Chase Memorial Library. He was a charter member and past president of the Catskill Rotary Club and a leader in the Catskill Chamber of Commerce, on many of whose committees he served. Among these was the Bridge Committee, which played a useful rôle in bringing to consummation the project for construction of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, spanning the Hudson at Catskill. For many years he actively manifested his deep interest in the Catskill Fire Department. In addition to his other connections, Mr. Malcolm was a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Greene County Bar Association, the Yale Club of New York City, the Linage Club, the Rip Van Winkle Club, and the Greene County Fish and Game Club, Inc. He was affiliated fraternally with Athabasca Tribe, No. 251, Improved Order of Red Men; and with the Masonic Order, in which he was a member of Catskill Lodge, No. 468, Free and Accepted Masons, and Catskill Chapter, No. 285, Royal Arch Masons. Mr. Malcolm was also affiliated with the Phi Delta Phi fraternity and in its early years was active in the American Legion, becoming a charter member of Catskill Post, No. 110, and helping to organize all the Legion posts of Greene County. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he served as trustee of Christ's Presbyterian Church in Catskill.

On October 22, 1913, James Lewis Malcolm married Jessie Churchill Chase, daughter of Emory A. Chase (*q. v.*), distinguished jurist and late associate justice of the Court of Appeals of New York State, and Mary Elizabeth (Churchill) Chase.

Mr. Malcolm died at Catskill on April 7, 1937. He had many claims upon the regard of his fellow-townsmen and the unexpected and relatively early termination of his career was widely mourned. Not the least of his gifts was his happy capacity for friendship. "Of a genial, friendly nature," it was written of him, "courteous and always ready to confer favors, Mr. Malcolm was popular in a wide circle. He was a man of high integrity and held the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens."

And again: "His geniality, wit and unfailing good humor endeared him to as many friends as did his distinguished public service. His passing will be deeply mourned by all who knew him."

CYRUS EDWARD BLOODGOOD—Long active in business affairs in the Capital Region, Cyrus Edward Bloodgood was for years a merchant and public servant in Hensonville, and during much of his official career in Greene County made his home in Catskill, the county seat. Throughout county and district he was widely known and honored, and the influence that he exerted in the many different connections of his life was a constant power for good.

Mr. Bloodgood was born September 23, 1846, in the town of Jewett, Greene County, son of Jason F. and Lucinda (Coe) Bloodgood. His father was engaged in farming.

Cyrus E. Bloodgood had a public school education, and spent his early life on his father's farm. When he reached the age of twenty years, he went to Hensonville, where he entered the mercantile business in association with his brother, Levi W. Bloodgood. Elected county clerk of Greene County, Cyrus E. Bloodgood served in that office from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1904. On being so elected, he removed to Catskill, where he lived for the rest of his life. In 1881 and 1882 he was supervisor from the town of Windham, and in 1882 he was chairman of the board of supervisors.

Many aspects of community life interested Mr. Bloodgood, who was a trustee of the Catskill Savings Bank and a director of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill. For six years he was clerk of Greene County, as indicated above, and held the other offices indicated. He was a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Catskill Methodist Church.

Cyrus Edward Bloodgood married (first), January 4, 1871, at Hensonville, New York, Lydia A. Chase, daughter of Albert and Laura Orinda (Woodworth) Chase and a descendant of Thomas Chase, who came to America from Chesham, England, in 1636, according to family records. There are seven generations from Thomas Chase to Mrs. Bloodgood. Her grandparents on the maternal side were Abner and Betsey (Judson) Woodworth, who were married at East Jewett, New York, in 1844. Mrs. Bloodgood's brother, the Hon. Emory Albert Chase (*q. v.*), was a distinguished lawyer and judge. Cyrus E. and Lydia A. (Chase) Bloodgood were the parents of one son, Albert C. Bloodgood (*q. v.*), born November 23, 1871.

Mr. Bloodgood married (second), December 12, 1883, at Windham, New York, Alice A. Munson, daughter of Silas L. and Julia R. (Smith) Munson. They became the parents of three children: 1. Grace M. Bloodgood, now Mrs. Grace M. (Bloodgood) Deer, born January 18, 1885. 2. Beulah W. Bloodgood, born November 28, 1886, now Mrs. Beulah W. (Bloodgood) Rogers. 3. Clarence M. Bloodgood, born February 16, 1894.

The death of Cyrus Edward Bloodgood, August 10, 1914, was an occasion of deep sorrow in the Catskill community and throughout Greene County, where he was so widely known. Services were performed by the Rev. J. W. Tetley, pastor of the Catskill Methodist Church, and the Rev. C. G. Hazard, D. D., pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Tetley called attention to Mr. Bloodgood's loyalty to principle and to friends, and spoke eloquently of his worth as citizen and Christian; and it is said that, as he spoke, there was not a dry eye in the large audience, so great were the esteem and admiration in which Mr. Bloodgood was held. The "Catskill Daily Mail" of August 10, 1914, said:

> Cyrus E. Bloodgood was physically and mentally of that rugged fiber which marked the citizenry of another generation which is rapidly disappearing. He thought in straight lines and expressed his opinions and belief in an equally straightforward manner. He was little in sympathy with equivocation, but loved a man who told the truth whether he was friend or foe. And, perhaps, it was because of this characteristic that he had so few foes and so many friends. He bore his own troubles almost stoically, but for the sorrows of others he had the most profound sympathy. He will be remembered for those splendid traits of character which go toward the making of the high-minded, self-controlled, patriotic citizen.

ALBERT CHASE BLOODGOOD—Widely and favorably known in the legal profession and for his own work as a lawyer, Albert Chase Bloodgood is a member of the law firm of Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray, of Catskill.

Mr. Bloodgood was born November 23, 1871, in Hensonville, New York, son of Cyrus Edward and Lydia A. (Chase) Bloodgood. His family is an old and well-established one on both sides of the house. His grandfather on the paternal side, Jason F. Bloodgood, was a farmer in Greene County, and his paternal grandmother was Lucinda (Coe) Bloodgood, a member of the old Coe family. On the maternal side of the house, Albert C. Bloodgood's ancestry dates back eight generations, according to family records, to Thomas Chase, who is on record as having come from Chesham, England, in 1636. Albert C. Bloodgood's maternal grandparents were Albert and Laura Orinda (Woodworth) Chase, the latter a daughter of Abner and Betsey (Judson) Woodworth, who were married in 1844 in East Jewett, New York. His uncle, the Hon. Emory Albert Chase (*q. v.*), was a distinguished lawyer and judge. The father, Cyrus Edward Bloodgood (*q. v.*), was a merchant in Hensonville, though he removed to Catskill in 1898 upon being elected clerk of Greene County. He held other public offices, notably that of supervisor from the town of Windham in 1881 and 1882 and that of chairman of the board of supervisors in 1882.

Albert Chase Bloodgood attended common schools, and was graduated from the Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, New York. Studying law, he took up the practice of his profession in Catskill, where he is today a member of the law firm of Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray. This firm, persisting through many changes in personnel and in community conditions, dates far back in Catskill's legal history. With it have been associated from decade to decade, since the eighties of the last century, such eminent names as those of Judge Emory Albert Chase (*q. v.*), Frank H. Osborn (*q. v.*), W. Irving Jennings (*q. v.*), Howard C. Wilbur and John L. Fray (*q. v.*). In a grand procession these men and others of their colleagues have represented the legal fraternity in their district, each one a link in a vast chain constituting a splendid professional succession. First there was the law office of King and Hallock, in which Emory A. Chase studied in the late seventies. Then came Hallock and Jennings, in which Judge Chase was a law clerk before his admittance to the bar; then Hallock, Jennings and Chase, after July 4, 1882; then Jennings and Chase following Mr. Hallock's retirement September 22, 1890; then, after Judge Chase's elevation to the bench, in 1896, Jennings and Osborn, with W. Irving Jennings and Frank H. Osborn as partners. At Mr. Jennings' retirement, May 1, 1898, the firm became Osborn and Bloodgood, when Albert Chase Bloodgood became a partner of Mr. Osborn. Howard C. Wilbur was admitted on January 1, 1905, after which the firm style was Osborn, Bloodgood and Wilbur, so continuing until John L. Fray's entry, March 1, 1916, changed it to Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray, its present form.

Albert Chase Bloodgood, since his membership in this firm, has taken his full share of responsibility for carrying on the legal work that arises in Catskill. He is highly regarded in Greene County, not alone for this service, but for his participation in business and community affairs. He is first vice-president and a trustee of the Catskill Savings Bank and a director of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill. As president of the Board of Education of the Union Free School District No. 1, of Catskill, he has further contributed to community welfare, and he is also president and a director of the Catskill Young Men's Christian Association and a member of the Rip Van Winkle Club and the Presbyterian Church.

Albert Chase Bloodgood married, April 23, 1901, in New York, Annie Howland, daughter of Francis N. and Mary A. (Nichols) Howland. Mary A. Nichols was a daughter of Brigadier-General George S. Nichols, a veteran of the Civil War, and Ann (Foster) Nichols.

ARTHUR W. SHUTTLEWORTH—Widely known in the carpet manufacturing industry, Arthur W. Shuttleworth was president of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., of Amsterdam. His work was of great importance, particularly in guiding the mills through the lean years following the market crash of 1929, and his reorganizational activities kept the company on a sound foundation through all that difficult period. He interested himself in public affairs, aiding the work of many worth-while organizations, and was thoughtful always of the welfare of his employees and the people of his community.

Mr. Shuttleworth was born June 5, 1886, in Amsterdam, New York, eldest son of Herbert L. and Hattie (Broadbent) Shuttleworth. His father was engaged for many years in the carpet industry here, starting as a messenger boy and later heading the Mohawk Carpet Mills for a number of years. Afterward he was engaged in the dyeing business on his own account. The mills were founded originally by Arthur W. Shuttleworth's uncles—John, James and Walter Shuttleworth—in 1878. Originally the enterprise was known as Shuttleworth Brothers. In 1902 the firm was incorporated as the Shuttleworth Brothers Company, and at that time Herbert L. Shuttleworth retired from the dyeing business and returned to the company to be its president. His ambitious program of expansion brought the establishment of new buildings and machinery and, in 1920, the Shuttleworth Brothers Company was merged with the McCleary, Wallin & Crouse plant, becoming one of the foremost carpet and rug houses in existence—the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc.—employing more than 5,000 people. Herbert L. Shuttleworth retired in 1930, turning over the presidency to his son, Arthur W. Shuttleworth.

Arthur W. Shuttleworth, like his father before him, was a sound and substantial business man of the Amsterdam community. He attended public schools, was graduated from Amsterdam High School in 1904, traveled abroad extensively, then became connected with the carpet business. His father guided him through the years of his business education, thoroughly training him in all the branches of carpet and rug making. Arthur W. Shuttleworth seemed, moreover, more than ordinarily well adapted by temperament to the demands that this business made upon him and, as he grew into the organization and assumed ever larger responsibilities, he imparted new vigor to the whole enterprise. Under his leadership the company grew and prospered, and the Mohawk Mills came to be known through the length and breadth of the land. Gradually he took over many of his father's duties and, at the elder man's retirement, in 1930, became president of the company. The years after 1929 were particularly difficult, and he had many knotty problems to solve. He did so effectually, however, and at all times was particularly considerate of the many workers in his industry. He heartily endorsed plans to provide better recreational facilities for them and better employer-employee relationships. He also approved the purchase of the large amusement park north of Amsterdam, known as "Jollyland," now Mohawk Mills Park, and helped to convert it into a fine recreational center. During the mill workers' one-week vacation each year, given them with pay, there is provided for them a full week of free amusement at the park, and Mr. Shuttleworth aided particularly in the establishment of this custom.

His life, like that of his father before him, was, as one writer said, "woven into the fabric of the community." He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, acting as its president in 1928 and 1929. At one time he was president of the Institute of Carpet Manufacturers of America. Fraternally he was connected with many branches of the Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to Welcome Lodge, No, 829, of Amsterdam; Amsterdam Chapter, No. 81, Royal Arch Masons; Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar, of Gloversville; Albany Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Troy. He was a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, and for some years was one of its trustees. In all his human relationships his democratic and friendly spirit was manifest, earning for him the warm admiration and confidence of his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth became the parents of one son, Herbert Shuttleworth, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Sumner, of Tuckahoe, New York.

The death of Arthur W. Shuttleworth, January 27, 1940, in Florida, was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret. He was known and loved by his contemporaries in all walks of life, particularly by many of his employees, some of whom he had known from boyhood. He will long be affectionately remembered, and his influence will be continuingly felt as a power for good.

HOWARD L. SHUTTLEWORTH—As president of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., and a member of the company's board of directors, Howard L. Shuttleworth has performed a work of importance and value in Amsterdam.

Mr. Shuttleworth was born November 15, 1896, in Amsterdam, New York, son of Herbert L. and Hattie (Broadbent) Shuttleworth. His father, a native of Yorkshire, England, was early engaged in the carpet industry in Amsterdam, rising from messenger boy to president of the Mohawk Carpet Mills. These mills were originally founded by Howard L. Shuttleworth's uncles—John, James and Walter Shuttleworth—in 1878. At first the firm was known as Shuttleworth Brothers, then was incorporated in 1902 as the Shuttleworth Brothers Company. Herbert L. Shuttleworth, father of the present head of the business, was at the beginning of his career an employee of the carpet firm, but later withdrew to establish his own dyeing company, then returned to be president of the Shuttleworth company at its incorporation in 1902. He was responsible for much of the expansion that came thereafter and for the introduction of new equipment, machinery and methods, as well as for the activity leading up to the merger of his company, in 1920, with the McCleary, Wallin & Crouse plant, to form the new Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., employing more than 5,000 people. He was president until his retirement in 1930, after which his son, Arthur W. Shuttleworth (*q. v.*), brother of the present head of the business, was president until his death in 1940.

Howard L. Shuttleworth attended Worcester Academy and Lowell Textile Institute, then went into the United States Army in 1917, serving overseas for the duration of the war and for a short time afterward with the Army of Occupation in Germany. In 1919 he returned to Amsterdam and immediately went to work in the Mohawk Carpet Mills. For some years he confined his activities to all production departments. Then, in 1930, at his father's retirement, a reorganization took place, by which Arthur W. Shuttleworth became president and Howard L. Shuttleworth, vice-president. For the next decade

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Howard L. Shuttleworth actively assisted his brother in directing the operation of the mills and in formulating company policies. During his brother's illness he had practically complete charge of Mohawk activities, and the death of the brother on January 27, 1940, brought Howard L. Shuttleworth's elevation to the presidency of the company on the following February 6, at a meeting of the board of directors. The board took occasion, in announcing the action, to declare itself "fortunate indeed in having the opportunity to elect as president of the company a man who is so thoroughly equipped to manage successfully the affairs of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, and who will continue to maintain the high tradition of the Shuttleworth family, who, for six generations, have been known as experts in the weaving industry."

In addition to his executive duties with the Mohawk Mills, Howard L. Shuttleworth has developed and patented a number of new textile processes peculiar to pile fabric floor coverings, notable among which are such processes as the "shuttle-point." The Mohawk Mills ascribe their remarkable success in the carpet industry to three basic factors—large plant capacity, diversity of weaves and thorough distributor coverage. The company's officials are particularly proud of their "Customade" floor coverings, designed to fit more nearly and proportionately the rooms for which they are selected. This plan provides, the company points out, "increased yardage for retail sale, hence increased volume to the manufacturer as well as greater satisfaction and beauty for the consumer." The "tone-on-tone" patterns, replacing plain broadlooms, are a style that Mohawk has also promoted. The mills cover sixty-five acres of floor space, and include the largest Wilton mill owned by any one manufacturer and the most modern Axminster mill in the United States. In the Axminster and Wilton weaves particularly the company has pioneered for sixty years in efforts to improve wear-resistant qualities and beauty of design. One of the Mohawk Carpet Mills' important policies is that of building its own looms, and the maintenance of perfection in the standards of tools used has brought the company wide commendation. The Mohawk chenille looms weave to order carpets of any size or shape, and the company is particularly proud of the renowned "Wheel of Life" chenille rug in the foyer of the Waldorf-Astoria, New York. Mohawk claims to be, moreover, the only carpet mill in the United States making "every weave of floor covering," and every effort is made at the same time to see that the right colors and patterns are woven into its products. As a little booklet published by the company points out:

> Mohawk designers and fabric experts are a restless lot. This is partly because the mill encourages pioneering effort and partly because the designers and experts themselves are never willing to admit that they have explored every possibility. The result is that every Mohawk rug or carpet is a work of art—a product which combines the skill of designer, dyer, weaver and management.

CHARLES PROTEUS STEINMETZ, Ph. D.—Much has been, and more will be, written concerning the genius and achievements of Charles Proteus Steinmetz. Although his death occurred in 1923, the varied appraisals of his contributions to the electrical industry differ widely and remain incomplete. No attempt is made in the following brief recital to record completely his accomplishments or to venture any opinion regarding his rank among the "immortals" of America. These must be left to major authorities. In this article the emphasis will be upon the life of the great man as a citizen of Schenectady, New York.

Dr. Steinmetz was born at Breslau, Germany, April 9, 1865, or at the time that the Southern Confederacy had fallen and Bismarck was welding together the German Empire. His mother died when he was a year old, and the grandmother reared the family. Because Carl (Charles) was born misshapen, he was given special care and grew up healthy and strong. Of a studious nature he liked school from the start, the future mathematician having trouble only with elementary arithmetic, and was graduated from the equivalent of an American high school, in his birth city, at the head of his class. Matriculating at the University of Breslau, in 1882, he later found it best to seek education elsewhere, when with youthful enthusiasm he embraced socialism then being suppressed by Bismarck. Thus it came about that after six years' work for the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Breslau, he fled to Switzerland and entered the Zurich Polytechnic School, where he majored in mathematics, chemistry and electricity, as well as medicine.

In 1889 Steinmetz set sail for the United States. After a most enjoyable eight-day trip, he was almost refused admittance to the New World because he did not have the small amount of money required by the immigration laws. A friend who had been teaching him English on the voyage pulled a roll of bills from his pocket, declaring that it belonged to both. Such was his welcome to America. Within a year after securing employment with the Eickemeyer & Osterheld Company in Yonkers, New York, he applied for citizenship papers, choosing the given names Charles Proteus; the first an Anglization of Carl, the second, from his nickname in the University of Breslau—"Proteus," the mythological deity and prophet who had the power to assume any shape he wished. Incidentally during his first year in the United States he joined the New York Mathematical Society (now the American Mathematical Society), and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

On April 12, 1892, the General Electric Company was formed from a group of concerns, including Eickemeyer &

Osterheld, and Steinmetz was persuaded to join the new corporation early in 1893, entering the Calculating Department at Lynn, Massachusetts. From 1894 he was in Schenectady as an engineer, and from 1902 he was chief consulting engineer of this internationally famous company. He quickly won recognition as one of the greatest engineers engaged in alternating current work. Even earlier, at the age of twenty-six, he discovered what he called "the law of hysteresis loss" that is used to this day in the designing of all electric machines, from sewing machine motors to hydroelectric generators. He soared to his full height, becoming one of the outstanding guides for the electrical engineering profession, and worked out entirely new methods for solving electrical problems. The importance of his mathematical work can be realized from the fact that today the principles laid down by Steinmetz are taught in practically all engineering schools, and are used in practically every application in the field of alternating current.

Quoting further from a brochure issued by the General Electric Company: "As an inventor—that is, as an actual designer of new apparatus and mechanisms—Steinmetz is less well known than many another less-gifted engineer. However, one of his earlier developments had a very wide application. It was the magnetite arc lamp, which gave a brilliant and highly efficient light and was widely used for many years in street lighting. But it is for work in another field of activity that the non-engineering public best knew Steinmetz and affectionately coined for him the title of 'The Thunderer.'" A bolt of lightning striking a mirror in his summer camp, started him off on a long laboratory study of lightning. Steinmetz developed a machine which produced artificial lightning, so that he could study its effects at will. With this machine, artificial lightning bolts were hurled across the laboratory and made to smash model villages. After each crash the damage it produced was studied. During each discharge of artificial lightning one million horsepower of electric power was released for one hundred-thousandth of a second; and because of the spectacular nature of this work, Steinmetz was hailed as "The Modern Jove" and "The Thunderer." The practical result was that Steinmetz learned a good many things about lightning which no one had known before, and he invented apparatus which would help to protect electric systems from the effects of lightning. Thus a stray bolt striking a summer camp helped to begin the study of how to control one of the greatest enemies to the uninterrupted transmission and distribution of electric power, especially of extremely high-voltage currents. He had to his credit more than two hundred patents.

As a result of his work many honors came to him. In 1901, just ten years after he had presented his epochal paper on magnetism before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, he was elected president of that society.

In 1903 Union College, in Schenectady, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Because of his interest in the college he consented to develop a course in electrical engineering, and was professor of electrical engineering at Union College previous to 1903, when he became professor of electrophysics, which position he held until his death. For several years he gave many hours a week to teaching at the college. He would accept no pay for his services, however. When, in 1913, he asked to be relieved of his teaching duties, he had built up at Union an electrical engineering department known and respected the country over.

Steinmetz never lost sight of the human factor in all mechanical matters. He was a strong believer in the value of electric power as a means of social betterment through the dispersal of city populations, with a resultant relief from the congestion of industries in the great centers, and the more even distribution of the uses of the land. Would that he might have lived to witness the developments along these lines since his death! He discussed philosophical and social topics frequently, but when it came to writing he confined himself almost completely to contributions to the literature of his profession. He was the author of: "Astronomy, Meteorology and Cosmogony," 1888; "Theory and Calculation of Alternating Current Phenomena," five editions, 1897-1916; "Theoretical Elements of Electrical Engineering," 1901-16; "Engineering Mathematics," 1909-18; "Radiation, Light and Illumination," 1908; "Theory and Calculation of Transient Phenomena," 1909-1919; "Electric Discharges, Waves and Impulses," 1911-1915; "Theory and Calculation of Electric Apparatus," 1917; "Theory and Calculation of Electric Currents," 1917; "General Lectures on Electrical Engineering," 1908-18; "America, and the New Epoch," 1916, and "Four Lectures on Relativity and Space," 1923. He was a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, of which he was president in 1902 and 1903; Illuminating Engineering Society, president in 1915-16; National Association of Corporation Schools; American Association of the Advancement of Science, American Mathematical Society, American Physical Society, Franklin Institute, American Academy of Sciences; was president of the Common Council of Schenectady in 1916; president and member of the Schenectady Board of Education for many years following 1912.

He took an active interest in civic affairs and, in particular, in the public school system. In 1912 he was appointed president of the Board of Education of Schenectady, and initiated many desirable innovations. And, not disdaining local party politics, in 1915 he ran for and was elected to the office of president of the Common Council, which gave him further opportunities to serve the schools and to work for other municipal undertakings. In 1922 he was nominated for State Engineer of New York State, on the Socialist ticket, but was defeated, although he received a very large vote. In 1900 he purchased a plot of land on Wendell Avenue, Schenectady, and began to build a house. At the same time the General Electric Company erected a two-story laboratory on the rear of the lot, in which he lived while his home was in the process of completion. In 1903 he invited Joseph LeRoy Hayden, a young engineer and colleague, and his wife, to live with him, a happy arrangement. Mr. Steinmetz later adopted Mr. Hayden as his son.

He enjoyed his summer camp on a tributary of the Mohawk River where he spent as much of the hot season as was possible. The Steinmetz collection of pets ranged from crows to a good sized trained alligator. Around his personality and doings the Schenectady folk have woven a hundred legends. From his home Steinmetz went one summer day on a leisurely journey to San Francisco, California, where he attended his last meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. It was his last, for on October 23, 1923, he died at his Schenectady home.

Even after two decades it is impossible adequately to evaluate Steinmetz's contribution to the electrical industry and to humanity. The results of the research that he started, the fundamental principles that he discovered, the mathematical methods that he developed, all will be useful as long as electricity is a factor in our civilization.

Wherever we find electricity reducing the cost of industrial products so that more millions can afford these products, wherever we find it lessening the burden of workmen in factories and housewives in the home, wherever we find it creating new industries which in turn give rise to thousands of new jobs—there we find a part of the fruit of Steinmetz's genius. And so the story of Steinmetz is a significant portion of the story of the growth of electricity from a scientific curiosity to a powerful and beneficent factor in our daily lives.

FREDERICK MILTON BRODIE—As general superintendent of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., in Amsterdam, Frederick Milton Brodie heads the manufacturing department of one of the Mohawk Valley's largest industrial organizations. He has spent many years in the carpet industry and has risen to his present position on the basis of his record and experience.

Mr. Brodie was born at Graniteville, Missouri, on February 9, 1886, son of Peter H. and Mary A. (Ray) Brodie, both of Scottish birth. His father, a stone cutter, came to the United States as a young man.

Educated in the public schools of Gloucester, Massachusetts, Frederick Milton Brodie left high school after three years to begin his active career. From 1903 to 1906 he was employed by George Brooks Sons & Company in Philadelphia. During the following four years he worked for the M. J. Whitall Company, manufacturers of rugs and carpets in Worcester, Massachusetts, and in 1910-11 was associated with Scofield & Mason, carpet manufacturers in Philadelphia. After two years with George Brown's Sons, clothing manufacturers at Lenni Mills, Pennsylvania, he entered the service of the Peterboro Carpet Company, at Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, as a dyer and in 1914 came to Shuttleworth Brothers & Company, Amsterdam carpet manufacturers, as head dyer. He continued in the organization following the merger of 1920, which brought into existence the present Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., and gradually advanced to positions of larger responsibility until he was appointed general superintendent in 1929. The Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., are one of the country's largest manufacturers of rugs and carpets, employing 5,000 people. As general superintendent, Mr. Brodie is in charge of all manufacturing and has demonstrated his qualifications for the post by his record during the past eleven years.

In addition to his business responsibilities, Mr. Brodie operates a farm of 325 acres in Hamilton County, which is his avocation. He has been very active in the general life of Amsterdam during his residence in this city, serving for ten years as a member of the Amsterdam School Board and participating in the work of many of the city's principal institutions. He is past president of the Amsterdam Rotary Club and the Young Men's Christian Association, a leading member of the Chamber of Commerce and is prominent in the local Masonic bodies, being affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, the Shrine and all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He is also a member of Amsterdam Lodge, No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Amsterdam Fish and Game Club and the Amsterdam Skeet Club. Mr. Brodie is a Republican in politics and a member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Amsterdam. Fond of outdoor life, he turns for recreation to fishing and hunting, which are his principal hobbies aside from his farm.

Mr. Brodie married, at Gloucester, Massachusetts, Nellie G. Marchant, who was born in Gloucester on March 14, 1887, daughter of Jabez and Lucy Marchant. They are the parents of four children: Frederick Milton, Jr., born at Media, Pennsylvania; Robert S., born at Media, Pennsylvania; Ruth Marian, born in Amsterdam; and William G., also born in Amsterdam.

FLETCHER VAN WIE BLOOD—Since 1931, Fletcher Van Wie Blood has served as president of Amsterdam Textiles, manufacturers of modern-styled cotton floor coverings in a wide variety of colors and patterns. He has spent his entire career in the Amsterdam textile industries.

Mr. Blood was born in Amsterdam on March 21, 1890, son of John R. and Margaret S. (Van Wie) Blood. His father, born at Fort Hunter on March 15, 1862, organized the Blood Knitting Company at Amsterdam and served as its active head. The mother, Margaret S. (Van Wie) Blood, was born near Fultonville on August 6, 1865.

Fletcher Van Wie Blood received his preliminary education in the Amsterdam public schools, attended Hotchkiss Preparatory School at Lakeville, Connecticut, and upon his graduation there in 1909, entered Yale University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. In the same year he became associated with his father in the Blood Knitting Company and continued the connection until 1930, at which time he was secretary of the company. Resigning this office, he organized his present company, Amsterdam Textiles, with George R. Quimby and Charles F. Yurgans, his associates in its management. He has been president of the company since it began operations in 1931, directing the development of the business which now employs approximately 150 people in factory, clerical and sales departments. George E. Mallison Importing Company, Inc., of New York City, are sole selling agents. Amsterdam Textiles are manufacturers of woven and braided cotton rugs in oval, round and rectangular shapes and standard widths. Among their products are the well-known Sof-Tred rugs and runners, an economical woven texture now manufactured in seventeen wanted color tones; the Tex-Tred rugs, a modern braided texture in any combination of twenty-seven colors; and Hearthtone, an ultra smart nubble weave in eleven exclusive decorator's colorings, and Rippleton rugs. These rugs and runners, reversible, washable and mothproof, embody in their color and design the modern trend in decoration. It is no accident that the Garden House in the Town of Tomorrow at the New York World's Fair, the House Beautiful in Ivory Washable House at Rockefeller Center in New York City, and other similar exhibits of modern decoration utilize the rugs of Amsterdam textiles.

With these modern miracle rugs you can practically style your own floor. You can choose and blend your rug tones at will—in perfect balance to the color scheme of the room. You can adapt your floors to any decorative trend—Traditional or Modern, Regency, French Provincial, Swedish Modern, Early American or Eighteenth Century. You can make them a perfect foil for the new bleached woods, gleaming mahoganies and walnuts, and the vivid painted furniture now in such high favor.

Mr. Blood, who is well known in Amsterdam business life, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations of this section, including the Amsterdam Fish and Game Club, the Antlers Country Club, of which he is past president and is now chairman of the greens committee; the Amsterdam Aviation Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of Yale Chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Yale Club of New York. During the World War he enlisted in the National Army in April, 1917, was commissioned first lieutenant and stationed at Camp Upton, Long Island, receiving his discharge from the service in February, 1919. Since the war he has been a member of James F. Bergen Post, No. 39, American Legion, at Amsterdam, of which he is Past Commander. Mr. Blood is a Republican in politics and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Amsterdam. He is interested in sports and finds his principal recreation in golf.

On September 14, 1921, at Amsterdam, he married Hazel D. La Bahn, who was born in this city, daughter of William and Wilhelmina (Grieme) La Bahn. Mr. and Mrs. Blood are the parents of one daughter, Nancy, born in Amsterdam on November 26, 1923.

GEORGE WILLIAM CHILDS—The Chalmers Knitting Company, manufacturers of men's and boys' underwear, is one of the representative industrial concerns of Amsterdam. For more than twenty years George William Childs has been in charge of the company's production, holding the office of vice-president from 1935, and since November, 1940, that of president.

Mr. Childs was born at Whitehall, Washington County, on November 14, 1884, son of Francis M. and Sarah (Breslin) Childs. His father, who was born at Middlebury, Vermont, and is now deceased, was engaged in the trucking business. His mother was born at St. Antoine, in the Province of Quebec, Canada.

George William Childs was educated in the public schools of Whitehall, where he was graduated from high school in 1902. During the following decade he was variously engaged in business and at the end of this time became associated with the Chalmers Knitting Company in Amsterdam. Since 1913 he has remained continuously with the company. Beginning in the payroll department, he served successively in the various departments of the entire mill, acquiring a broad background of experience in the operations of the company. During this period he won steady advancement in the organization and in 1918 was appointed head of the production department. He has since been in charge of manufacturing, heading the large factory force which numbers approximately 1,000 at the peak of the season, and in 1935 was elected to the office of vice-president in charge of production. In 1940 he was made president to succeed James E. Campbell, who died October 20, 1940. David W. Chalmers is now chairman of the board of directors; Mark J. Quinn, a vice-president; George Connor Williams, treasurer; and Jean M. Rees, secretary. These officials comprise the operating heads of the company.

Mr. Childs has also been active in Amsterdam civic life, serving for nine years as a member of the Amsterdam Board of Education and for two years as its president. He is a member and past president of the Antlers Country Club, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Childs' favorite recreations are golf, bridge and fishing.

On October 19, 1909, at Amsterdam, he married Edith Hayes, born at Valatie, New York, daughter of John Hayes, born in Philmont, and Carrie (Harris) Hayes, of Rhinebeck, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Childs are the parents of two children: David Willis, born at Amsterdam on July 14, 1911, educated at the University of Louisville in Kentucky and at Albany Medical School (Union University) and now a practicing physician in Hoosick Falls; and William Harris, born in Amsterdam on August 10, 1926, attending school in this city.

CHANDLER STANLEY KNIGHT—During the greater part of his professional career, Chandler Stanley Knight has been engaged in the practice of law at Amsterdam. He is a well-known member of the local bar and is very active in other phases of the city's life.

Mr. Knight was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 6, 1894, son of Webster S. and Annie Louise (Bartlett) Knight. His father, who was born in Boston on October 28, 1873, and died in Schenectady on February 18, 1933, was superintendent of shipping for the General Electric Company in Schenectady for many years. He was also a prominent Mason, a member of all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. The mother, Annie Louise (Bartlett) Knight, was born in Boston on June 26, 1871, and died in Amsterdam on March 28, 1938.

Chandler Stanley Knight received his preliminary education in the public schools of Schenectady and after completing the high school course, entered Union College, where he was a member of the class of 1918. Having enlisted in the New York National Guard as a member of Company F. 2d Infantry, he was called to service on the Mexican Border in 1916 and, after the United States was drawn into the World War, his education was further interrupted by the exigencies of the war. As a private in his old regiment, Mr. Knight was mustered into the National Army on March 25, 1917. Subsequently, he attended the First Officers' Training Camp at Madison Barracks, New York, received a commission as first lieutenant on August 15, 1917, and was assigned to a machine gun company with the 310th Infantry, forming part of the 78th Division. With these troops he was ordered overseas, sailing on May 20, 1918, and remaining in France until December 24, 1918. During these months he participated in the principal engagements of the American Expeditionary Forces, including the battle of St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. On November 1, 1918, he was wounded in action in the Argonne and was hospitalized from that date until October 4, 1919, when he received his final discharge.

Upon his return to civil life, Mr. Knight resumed his preparations for his professional career at Albany Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1920. In January, 1921, he was admitted to the New York State bar and began practice at Schenectady with the law firm of Borst and Smith. In July, 1921, he became associated with Judge Hardies at Amsterdam, continuing this connection until January, 1934. Since that time he has conducted a general law practice in Amsterdam under his own name, with offices located in the First National Bank Building. Mr. Knight early established his position at the Amsterdam bar and the responsibilities of his present practice make large demands upon him. He has appeared successfully in all courts and has represented a number of important interests.

Mr. Knight is a member of the New York State and Montgomery County Bar Association, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Order of the Purple Heart, the Sons of Union Veterans, the Disabled Emergency Officers of the World War and many fraternal orders, including the Free and Accepted Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men, Florida Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Knights of the Maccabees. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, the higher York Rite bodies, including the Royal Arch Chapter and the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In addition to these connections he is a member of the Amsterdam Rotary Club, the Antlers Country Club, the Amsterdam Fish and Game League and the Amsterdam Skeet Club. Although he has never held public office, he has given active support to the Republican party and to many civic enterprises and for many years has been interested in the Boy Scout movement. At the present time he is vice-president of Sir William Johnson Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Knight attends the Second Presbyterian Church in Amsterdam. He is fond of outdoor life and sports and turns to them for recreation.

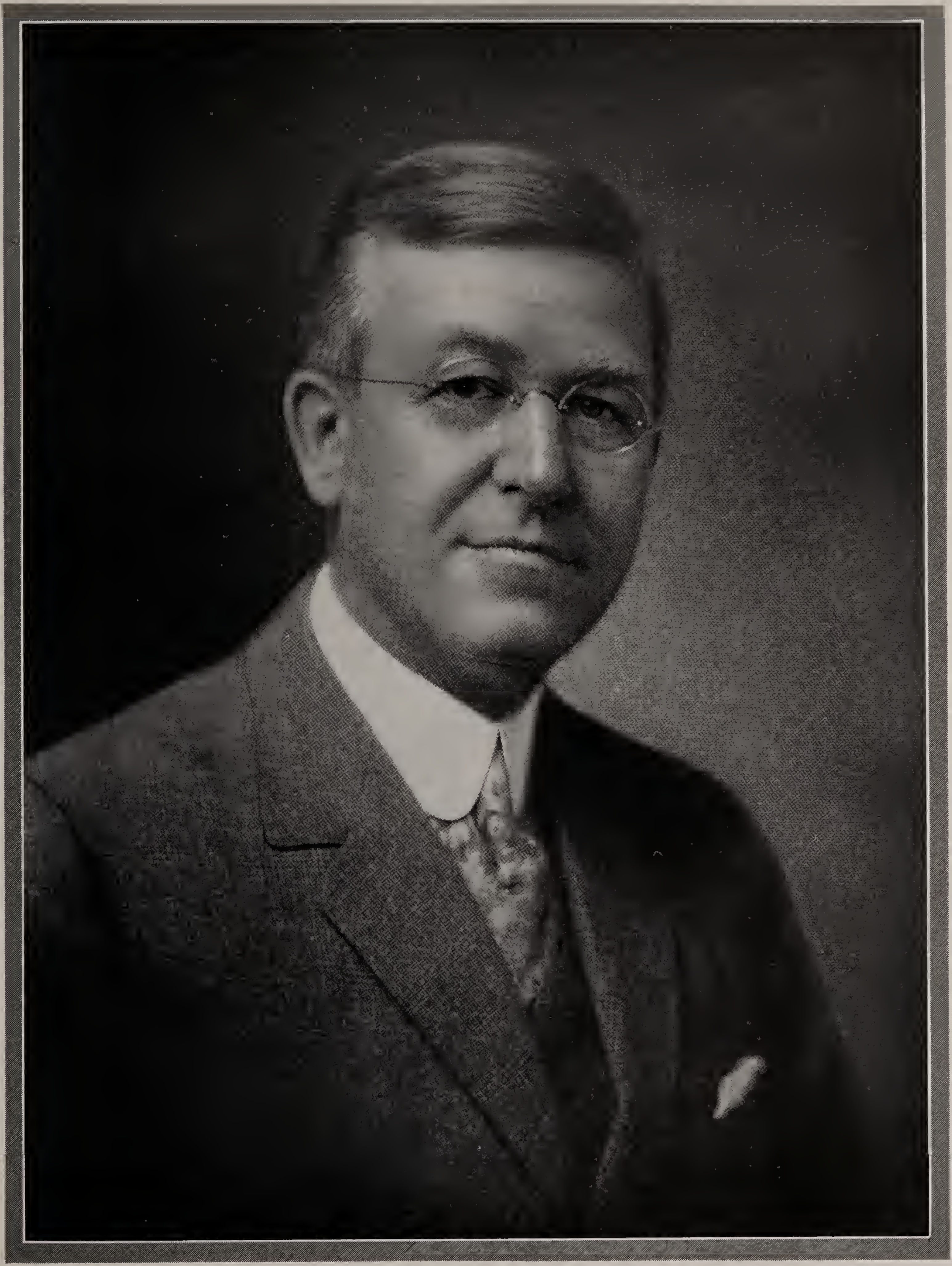
On August 10, 1922, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, he married Berthe M. Bland, who was born in Leeds, England, daughter of David W. and Alice (Purchase) Bland, both of English birth. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are the parents of two daughters: Phyllis Ann, born in Amsterdam on February 13, 1924; and Dianne Caryl, born in Amsterdam on December 23, 1927.

PETER GANSEVOORT TEN EYCK—Combining a professional career as an engineer with wide public service, Peter Gansevoort Ten Eyck has continued the traditions long associated with the family name as a citizen of Albany and the State. He is an authority on transportation and traffic, a former member of Congress and a member of many civic agencies, through which he has notably extended the scope of his influence.

Mr. Ten Eyck was born at Bethlehem, New York, on November 7, 1873, son of Abraham Cuyler and Margaret Matilda (Haswell) Ten Eyck and a descendant of the early Dutch settlers of New York. He was educated at Albany Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, which he attended from 1892 to 1896, and spent the following seven years in the service of the New York Central & Hudson Railroad. In this connection he became signal engineer, organizing the signal department of the railroad, and designed the signal standards used on its lines. In 1903 he became signal engineer and treasurer of the Federal Railway Signal Company, of which he was later vice-president and general manager. He invented many signal devices, some of which are now in general use, and continued for many years his active connection with this branch of railroad operations as a consulting engineer. In 1915 he was chairman of the committee to revise the by-laws of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. As an expert on transportation and traffic he has served in many other connections. Mr. Ten Eyck was chairman of the Highways Transportation Committee of New York, formed to establish a rural motor express service, and was also chairman of the Deeper Hudson General Committee. He is a director-at-large of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress; director-at-large of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association; former chairman of the Albany Port District Commission; and member of the Great Lakes, Hudson Waterways Association. During the World War he was designated as an expert in the Council of National Defense and subsequently served as chairman of the New York State Advisory Board under the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works. The technical aspects, the educational work necessary, and the political persuasion and maneuvering connected with the establishment of the Port of Albany have been close to his heart throughout his entire active career, as they had been a major interest of his father. The records of the long, hard fight for the proper development of the Hudson River at and below Albany show the quality of the leadership he offered, and in the indisputable figures of a quickened and enriching commerce the result of the labors undergone by him and his associates is written.

Mr. Ten Eyck has also given many years of service to the State's agricultural interests. He is a former commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; ex-president of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation; ex-vice-president of the New York State Agricultural Society; former president of the Albany County Agricultural Society and Exposition; former president and executive committeeman of the Albany County Farm Bureau; and a member of the Board of Visitors of the New York State School of Agriculture at Cobleskill. He is a former trustee of Cornell University and the New York State Agricultural Experimental Station at Geneva.

An influential Democrat, Mr. Ten Eyck has been active in his party and was twice elected on the Democratic ticket to the United States Congress, representing the Twenty-eighth New York District in the Sixty-third Congress (1913-15) and the Sixty-seventh Congress (1921-23). In 1912 and 1920, he was a delegate to the Democratic National conventions. He is a director of the Manhattan Railway Company and the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, of Albany, New York; was formerly a director-at-large of the Hudson Valley Federated Chamber of Commerce; is a member and former president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce; member of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards; vice-chairman of the Empire State Business Alliance; member and ex-president of the New York State Automobile Association and the New York State Guernsey Breeders' Association; a trustee of the Albany Institute of History and Art; a charter member of Saratoga Battlefields Association, Inc.; an honorary member of the Society of Engineers of Eastern New York; and a member of the Albany Society of New York, the Albany Society of Engineers, the New York State Historical Association, the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, the Capital District Guernsey Breeders Association, the American Guernsey Cattle Club, the New York State Horticultural Society, Philip Livingston Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution, of which he is ex-regent, the Holland Society of New York, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association, Albany Academy Alumni Association, the American Railway Engineering Association, the Railway Signal Association, the American Association of Maintenance of Ways, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Grange, the Delta Phi fraternity, the Albany Club (former member, director and ex-president), Albany Automobile Club (director and ex-president), Fort Orange Club (trustee and ex-president),



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University Club of Albany, Albany Country Club, Burns Club, Albany Yacht Club (former member), National Democratic Club and Schuyler Meadows Club (former member). He is an honorary member of the Albany Kiwanis Club and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. At Albany he is a trustee of the Albany Public Library and former president of Memorial Hospital. He was one of the early members and helped organize the 3d Signal Corps of the New York State National Guard, which now is the Anti-Tank Battalion and during the World War, in addition to his service with the Council of National Defense, he was a member of the local Draft Board for Division No. 4 in the city of Albany under the Selective Service Act. He is a member of the First Church in Albany of the Reformed Church in America.

On April 15, 1903, Mr. Ten Eyck married Bertha F. Dederick, of Albany. They are the parents of one son, Peter Gansevoort Dederick Ten Eyck.

JOSEPH LEONARD MOORE—During his long and active career at the bar, Joseph Leonard Moore, of Fort Plain, has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. A former county judge of Montgomery County and one of its best known lawyers, he has devoted his life to the important responsibilities arising from his professional and civic connections. The family tradition thus established is a notable one and it has been continued by his son and grandsons, all of whom became members of the Montgomery County bar.

Judge Moore was born in Albany on December 24, 1859, son of Levi and Georgenia A. (Todd) Moore. He was educated in the Albany public schools and at Albany Academy, from which he was graduated in 1878, studied law privately, according to the custom of the time, and after launching his practice opened offices at Fort Plain, where he has long been an influential figure. He was the second president of the Fort Plain Club and was a member of the Exchange Club, now the Community Club, in which his membership continues. A Republican in politics, he long bore the courtesy title of "Major" as a result of having commanded a marching club known as the "West Guards" in the Blaine campaigns of 1884-88. From 1906 to 1918 he was county judge of Montgomery County, adding to his stature by the character of his service on the bench. In his private practice, continued since the latter year, he has successfully represented many important interests and has appeared in a wide variety of cases in which his legal attainments have been effectively displayed.

Judge Moore's standing as a lawyer was reflected in his election as president of the Montgomery County Bar Association. He is a member of the several other bar associations and in addition to his professional connections has served as vice-president and director of The Fort Plain National Bank for over twenty-five years. He is a member of the Exchange and Community Club. Judge Moore attends the Reformed Church, having been at one time superintendent of the Sunday school of such church, as well as having been superintendent of the Sunday school of the Universalist Church.

On April 16, 1885, at Cherry Valley, he married Annie Louise Bates and they became the parents of one son, Leonard Bates Moore (*q. v.*), now deceased

The "Amsterdam Recorder" of October 9, 1912, said of him:

> Skilled in the law, with a high ideal of his profession toward which he is always striving, humane, kindly, judicial in temperament, seeing the truth through tortuous mazes of fact and argument, wearing "the white flower of a blameless life," Judge Moore is a man of whom the people of the county are proud.

JUDGE LEONARD BATES MOORE—When Leonard Bates Moore was elected first judge of the Children's Court of Montgomery County, on which bench he served until his death, it represented merited recognition not only of his professional eminence, but of his fine public spirit and lifelong interest in youth. Although his career was cut short at a relatively early age, his contributions to the county and its institutions, throughout the whole wide range of civic endeavor, were of lasting worth.

Judge Moore was born in Fort Plain on August 17, 1886, son of Joseph Leonard Moore (*q. v.*) and Annie Louise (Bates) Moore. After the completion of his preliminary education in the public schools of Fort Plain and at Clinton Liberal Institute, he entered Albany Law School to prepare for his professional career. In 1908 he was graduated from this institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, was admitted to the bar in the same year and began practice in his father's office at Fort Plain. He represented the second of the three successive generations of his family which have taken their place at the Montgomery County bar. His early years as a lawyer were devoted to private practice, in the course of which he rapidly established his professional reputation. Throughout this period his interests and activities outside his profession also developed steadily. Motivated by an enlightened conception of the responsibilities of citizenship and by his deep human sympathies, he embraced many causes, both civic and benevolent, and made them his own. None was closer to his heart than the cause of youth. He understood youth's problems and difficulties, its possibilities under proper guidance. He gave generously of his time and means to child welfare work, was a moving spirit in the Boy Scout movement throughout Montgomery County and stood ready at all times to lend what counsel and assistance he could to troubled boys and girls. When the Children's Court was established in Montgomery County in 1922, his superior qualifications for the new judicial office thereby created were acknowledged. As a consequence he was designated to serve as first presiding officer of the court and was twice reëlected judge of the Children's Court "in recognition of his accomplishments in promoting the welfare of children, which became his controlling interest." Judge Moore continued on this bench until his death. "His administration of justice," it was written of him, "has been outstanding and has made the Montgomery County Children's Court notable and recognized throughout the State."

Judge Moore received many honors in recognition of his work. In November, 1928, he was elected president of the Montgomery County Branch of the State Charities Aid Association. On April 19, 1929, he became president of the Capital District Conference on Social Welfare and on October 25, 1930, was elected president of the New York State Association for Judges of Children's Courts. The responsibilities of these offices he faithfully discharged. From the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America he received the Silver Beaver Medal for exceptional service to boyhood. Judge Moore was president of the Montgomery County Council of the Boy Scouts of America for many years, and under his leadership an exceptionally strong and widespread organization was developed.

His other interests were numerous. Judge Moore was a trustee of the Montgomery County Historical Society; a member and Past Master of Fort Plain Lodge, No. 433, Free and Accepted Masons, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fulton-Herkimer-Montgomery Masonic district; a member of the board of directors of the New York State Economic Council; a director of the First National Bank of St. Johnsville; second vice-president of the Mohawk Valley Towns Association; president of the Fort Plain Exchange Club in 1933 and president of the Fort Plain Community Club in 1934; an active member of the Amsterdam Rotary Club, serving on its board of directors and in many district activities and campaigns; member of the Eccentric Club of Gloversville; and of the New York State and Montgomery County Bar associations. In his own community there was no civic movement or philanthropy which did not benefit through his active leadership or influential support, and there were few in the county as a whole which did not reap similar gains. His services were freely given in behalf of the county's hospitals, and over a period of years he was a member of the board of managers of the Montgomery Sanatorium. At his death, his colleagues in the management of that institution wrote of him:

> Judge Moore had a keen appreciation of the relations of the sanatorium to the public welfare. His characteristic sympathy with the unfortunate, the underprivileged and especially with youth, as they came under his observation, made him alive to the possibility of their betterment by the resources of the sanatorium. His appeal to the Board in behalf of the recalcitrant or the borderline case, was characteristic of his nature.
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> Not alone for his professional counsel while serving on the Board of Managers will he be missed, but especially in the broad field of human relations, so closely touching the administration of the sanatorium, will his sympathetic understanding be remembered, and serve as an inspiration to his successors. . . . .

Judge Moore was a Republican in politics and exercised a strong influence in local councils of his party. He was a member of the Fort Plain Reformed Church.

In 1905 he married Bertha Heslor Green, who died in 1934, and they became the parents of two sons: Dudley Lawrence (*q. v.*) and James Westcott Moore (*q. v.*).

Judge Moore died at Fort Plain on August 14, 1936, a few days before the fiftieth anniversary of his birth. "Although not yet fifty years old," the Fort Plain "Free Press" wrote of him, "his life was remarkable for community service. His death will be a severe loss to the county as well as to the community in which he lived."

In the following appreciation of his career, the Amsterdam "Recorder" spoke for the county as a whole:

> Youth lost a wise counsellor and sympathetic friend in the death of Judge Leonard B. Moore at Fort Plain. It was quite generally known that Judge Moore was ill, but a host of friends have been both shocked and grieved at his unexpected passing.
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> Judge Moore made a valuable contribution to Montgomery County's work in behalf of our young people, not only in his capacity as the legal head of the Children's Court, but as a leader in the Boy Scout movement, which made tremendous strides in the years in which the Fort Plain attorney gave the movement so much of his time. Many a family in Amsterdam and Montgomery County has been rendered an invaluable service through his kindly and sympathetic advice at a time of great need, and many a young man and young woman have been brought back to the road which leads to good citizenship by reason of his tact and understanding of the problems of the young . . . .
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> It is unnecessary to here recapitulate all of the activities in which Judge Moore had a part. Suffice it to say that to any cause which engaged his interest, he devoted himself wholeheartedly and bore his full share of such labor as might be involved in the pursuit of it. Well may it be said that not only the Bar Association of Montgomery County, by which he was rightly held in such high esteem, but the communities in which he was such a good citizen, have suffered an irreparable loss by reason of Judge Moore's death.

DUDLEY LAWRENCE MOORE—As a practicing attorney at Amsterdam, Dudley Lawrence Moore continues the traditions of a family which has been represented at the Montgomery County bar for three successive generations. He is a member of the Amsterdam law firm of Myers, Moore and McKee and is active outside his profession in many phases of the county's life.

Mr. Moore was born at Fort Plain on August 23, 1906, son of the late Judge Leonard Bates Moore (*q. v.*) and Bertha Heslor (Green) Moore. He is a grandson of Judge Joseph Leonard Moore, former county judge of Montgomery County.

Dudley Lawrence Moore was educated in the public schools of Fort Plain, where he completed the high school course in 1924, and at Hamilton College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1928. He studied for his profession at Harvard Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1931, and in the same year was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. In 1932 he was admitted to practice in New York State. His first professional experience was obtained in the Boston office of the Legal Aid Society, with which he became associated in 1930, and after taking his Harvard degree he returned to Montgomery County and entered the law office of the firm of Myers and Searle at Amsterdam. In 1933 he became a partner of W. Fenton Myers, an association continued until January 1, 1940, when the present firm of Myers, Moore and McKee was organized, in which the third partner is Archie C. McKee. This firm carries on a general practice, with special attention to probate matters and banking and corporation law. Mr. Moore has also maintained an office in Fort Plain since the death of his father.

In addition to his professional connections, he is a director of The First National Bank of St. Johnsville. From the outset of his career he has devoted much time to civic interests, which have extended the range and scope of his influence, and at the present time is associated with many representative institutions of his city and county. Mr. Moore is a Republican in politics and is prominent in the party, serving as secretary of the Montgomery County Republican Committee and president of the Men's Republican Club in his city. His interest in good government and public affairs, which is well known, resulted in his election as a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention held at Albany in 1938. He is government appeal agent for the local draft board; secretary of the Montgomery County Tuberculosis and Health Association; a member and secretary of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Historical Society; a trustee of the Sarah Jane Sanford Home for Elderly Women in Montgomery County; chairman of the finance committee of the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, and former chairman of the Court of Honor of the Montgomery County Council, Boy Scouts of America. Many of these connections reflect traditional family interests. Mr. Moore is also a member of the Montgomery County and New York State Bar associations; in connection with the latter he is a member of the executive committee of the Young Lawyers' Section. He is a member and past president of the Amsterdam Kiwanis Club; and member of the Antlers Country Club, the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the Masonic Order. He is an active Presbyterian layman and past vice-president of the Amsterdam Council of Churches. Golf is his favorite recreation.

On September 2, 1931, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mr. Moore married Elizabeth Squire Wyeth, daughter of the late Herbert F. Wyeth and Ethel L. (Squire) Wyeth, of Cambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the parents of two daughters: Janice Bird, born at Amsterdam, on February 25, 1935; and Margaret Leonard, born at Amsterdam on January 5, 1940.

JAMES WESTCOTT MOORE—Although the earlier years of his active career were devoted to business life, James Westcott Moore subsequently adopted the profession of law and since 1939 has been engaged in practice at Fort Plain. In doing so he follows the example of his father and grandfather, both distinguished members of the Montgomery County bar.

Mr. Moore was born in Fort Plain on March 15, 1909, son of Leonard Bates Moore (*q. v.*), late judge of the Montgomery County Children's Court, and Bertha Heslor (Green) Moore. He was educated in the Fort Plain public schools and at Hamilton College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1931, and subsequently entered Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1939. Meanwhile, he had spent a number of years in various business connections. In 1930 Mr. Moore was employed by the firm of Kidder, Peabody & Company, brokers, at Boston, Massachusetts. In 1931 he became an automobile salesman for Schiller, Inc., at Utica, and in 1932 was appointed a clerk in the Fort Plain National Bank. After several months, he entered the service of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company at Albany, and remained with this institution as transit clerk until 1933. In 1935-36 he was shipping clerk for the William Menge Corporation at Dolgeville. Following the completion of his law course in 1939, he was admitted to the New York bar and has since been engaged in active practice at Fort Plain, where the legal attainments manifested by members of his family have long been a village tradition.

Mr. Moore is also active in Republican politics and in the general life of his community, serving since his election in 1939 as a village trustee of Fort Plain and as a member of the Republican County Committee of Montgomery County. He is vice-president of the Fort Plain Community Club, as well as of the Fort Plain High School Alumni Association and the Mohawk Valley Towns Association; a member of the New York State and Montgomery County Bar associations, the high school fraternity, Theta Phi, of which he is past treasurer and president; the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, in which he is past treasurer of Hamilton College Chapter; and Fort Plain Lodge, No. 433, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he now serves as senior master of ceremonies.

In March, 1935, Mr. Moore married Norma K. Heitz, daughter of Gustave and Anna (Rivenburg) Heitz, and they are the parents of one daughter, Rhonda Joan, born April 7, 1936.

JOHN E. WYMAN—For many years respected and honored among the citizens of Fonda, John E. Wyman has rendered valuable service to his community as a pharmacist. Successful in his business undertakings, he has not only carried on his store with benefit to the people of Fonda and Fultonville and the surrounding countryside, but has interested himself in a wide variety of civic and social activities.

Mr. Wyman was born September 7, 1866, in West Galway, New York, son of Ery A. and Sarah A. (Reese) Wyman. His family, an old one in America, was founded on these shores by John Wyman, who came here with his brother, Francis Wyman, in 1640. They were among the earliest settlers of Woburn, Massachusetts, and held town offices and were the most important land owners of the town. Tanners by trade, they had garrison houses on the frontier on their own lands for protection against the Indians. Isaac Wyman, great-great-grandfather of John E. Wyman, was a captain in His Majesty's service, and succeeded Colonel Ephraim Williams as commander at Fort Massachusetts during the French and Indian wars. Fort Massachusetts was the site where the present city of Williamstown stands. Isaac Wyman was commander there from 1755 to 1761, when the fort was abandoned and he removed to Keene, New Hampshire. In the campaign of 1775 he was appointed lieutenant-colonel in Colonel John Stark's New Hampshire Militia, and in the 1776 campaign he was commissioned colonel of a New Hampshire regiment by the Committee of Safety and was in command of Fort Ticonderoga.

He had a son, Asa Wyman, born March 27, 1767, died August 4, 1866, in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, married Mercy Tarbox, born June 31, 1765, died in February, 1850. Their son, Samuel P. Wyman, born June 20, 1789, in Tyngsboro, died June 17, 1862, in Norwalk, Connecticut, was a stonemason by trade; he married Zillah Scribner, born January 26, 1799, in Norwalk, died there. Their son, Ery A. Wyman, John E. Wyman's father, was born August 28, 1830, in Norwalk, Connecticut, and died in Gloversville, New York, after having been for many years engaged in the tanning industry. His wife, Mrs. Sarah A. (Reese) Wyman, John E. Wyman's mother, was born December 15, 1829, died February 6, 1911, in Gloversville, daughter of John and Hannah (Bonfoy) Reese, and granddaughter of Nathaniel and Dorothy (Weaver) Reese and great-granddaughter of George and Betsey (Bullock) Reese. Nathaniel Reese was born in Dutchess County, New York, and died in Hagedorn's Mills, this State. John Reese, John E. Wyman's maternal grandfather, was born January 22, 1811, in Niskayuna, New York, and died December 24, 1863, in West Galway, this State. The grandmother, Mrs. Hannah (Bonfoy) Reese, was born August 11, 1814, in Broadalbin, and died March 25, 1881, in West Galway. Ery A. and Sarah A. (Reese) Wyman became the parents of seven children: Julia E., Sarah A., Augusta, John E., Anna M., Charles H., and a daughter who died in infancy.

Of these, John Ery Wyman attended public schools in Gloversville until he was twelve years old, then turned his attention to business affairs, becoming associated with E. Nott, Gloversville druggist, in the drug business. Mr. Nott ran the Opera House Drug Store. After remaining with him for two years, Mr. Wyman entered the employ of the drug firm of Bradford & Dickinson, of Amsterdam, acting as clerk for four years, during the last two of which he attended night school in Albany. In 1890 John E. Wyman returned to Gloversville, where he associated himself with the firm of Houck & Patrick, with whom he remained for ten years. During this decade, in 1893, he was graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy, at Albany, with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy. He was the first student for a number of years to lead his classes in all branches of study, taking prizes in all. In 1900 he went to Amsterdam, where he served as clerk for William Wilson, Jr., remaining for fifteen years. In 1915 he bought the drug store of N. De Laurentis, in Fonda, which he proceeded at once to operate under his own name. And, down to the time of writing, Mr. Wyman has conducted this business, which has flourished under his guidance and direction and which enjoys the patronage of people over a wide area hereabouts.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Wyman has interested himself in a wide variety of social and civic affairs, and has notably contributed to the life of his

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community and his times. In 1921 and 1922 he served as a village trustee of Fonda, and in 1923 and again in 1924 was elected president of the village. During the World War period he rendered effective service to his country through permitting his store to be used as a recruiting station for the Emergency Shipping Fleet, and he also took an active part in Liberty Loan and Red Cross work. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to many organizations, is curator and librarian of the Montgomery County Historical Society, and belongs to the Mohawk Valley Historical Association, the Fonda Community Club, and the Montgomery County Farm Bureau. Fraternally Mr. Wyman is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs and the Maccabees. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Fultonville Lodge, No. 531; Albany Scottish Rite bodies, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; Johnstown Chapter, No. 78, of Royal Arch Masons; Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51. of Gloversville, Knights Templar; and Cyprus Temple, of Albany, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Odd Fellows he belongs to Fonda Lodge, and he is affiliated with Tekewitha Rebekah Lodge, No. 619, of Fonda, and the Gloversville Maccabees' lodge. He is a member of the Reformed Church in Fonda. In spare time Mr. Wyman enjoys outdoor sports, studying nature and collecting old books and Indian relics. His studies led to his being accepted as an authority on the life and culture of the American Indian.

On November 1, 1893, in Amsterdam, New York, John Ery Wyman married Jennie M. Smith, born January 27, 1871, in Amsterdam, daughter of Cyrus A. and Mary A. (Calkins) Smith. Her paternal grandparents were John M. and Julia (Cooper) Smith. John M. Smith, a contractor and builder, was born August 13, 1816, in Schenectady, New York, and died May 8, 1877, in Troy. Their son, Cyrus A. Smith, Mrs. Wyman's father, was born in Troy, and died in 1871 in Johnstown, this State, after a successful career as a brickmason. His wife, Mrs. Mary A. (Calkins) Smith, Mrs. Wyman's mother, was born November 10, 1839, in Charlton, New York, and died January 2, 1912, in Amsterdam, daughter of John P. and Jane P. (Snyder) Calkins. John P. Calkins was born December 4, 1806, and died December 28, 1853, in Rochester, New York, aged forty-seven years. Mrs. Jane P. (Snyder) Calkins, Mrs. Wyman's maternal grandmother, was born March 16, 1815, in "Crane's Hollow," Amsterdam, New York, and died April 22, 1900, in Amsterdam, aged eighty-five years. Mrs. Jennie M. (Smith) Wyman herself early became active in the life of her community, supporting the Republican party when women were given the franchise, and now being active in a number of organizations. She is a member of the Reformed Church of Fonda. She is also prominent in Tekewitha Rebekah Lodge, No. 619. of Fonda; Mohawk Valley Chapter, No. 489, Order of Eastern Star, of Fultonville; and Amaranth St. Monica Court, of Amsterdam. She is active in the Montgomery County Historical Society, and the Children's Welfare Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman became the parents of one son, James Alexander Wyman, born August 5, 1894, in Gloversville, who was graduated in 1913 from Gloversville High School and in 1918 from the University of Michigan as a pharmaceutical chemist. At the university he specialized in chemistry and bacteriology. He then became pharmacist's mate in the United States Navy, serving aboard the transport "Troy" during the World War. Enlisting May 18, 1918, at Detroit, Michigan, for a four-year period, he was released from active service September 26, 1919, and resumed his studies at the University of Michigan, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Science in June, 1920. Honorably discharged from the United States Naval Reserve Force on May 18, 1922, he nonetheless retained his deep interest in military and naval affairs thereafter. When he completed his college course, James A. Wyman became associated with his father in the drug business in Fonda, where he remained for one year. He then became connected with the Liggett Drug Company as store manager in White Plains, New York. After two years with the Liggett organization, he resigned to accept a position with the Vogt Drug Company, also in White Plains. On November 1, 1924, he again resigned, this time to become associated with his father under the firm name of John E. Wyman & Son. On November 9, 1921, James A. Wyman married Mildred Isabel Potter, of Friendship, New York, a graduate of Friendship High School, class of 1915, and of the University of Michigan, where she took the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1919. They are the parents of two children: Grace Marie Wyman, born December 5, 1927, and John E., 2d, born February 20, 1931.

ROY CUMMINGS MUIR—During his long connection with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, Roy Cummings Muir has established his position as one of the country's leading engineers. He has served the General Electric organization in many capacities and since 1934 has been vice-president of the company in charge of engineering.

Dr. Muir was born at Arcadia, Wisconsin, on December 30, 1881, son of John Cherry and Ann (Michie) Muir. His father, a native of Lanarkshire, Scotland, came to this country in early life and was a pioneer at Glencoe, Wisconsin, where a considerable group of Scottish families settled. Afterward he entered the farm machinery and live stock business at Arcadia. His wife, Ann (Michie) Muir, was born at Leslie, Fifeshire, Scotland. Both are now deceased.

Roy Cummings Muir was educated in the public schools of Arcadia, Wisconsin, and at the University of Wisconsin, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1905. In the same year he became associated with the General Electric Company at Schenectady and has spent his entire career in the service of the organization. Dr. Muir was engaged on turbine design and on work in the testing department of the company from 1905 to 1907, served as industrial engineer from 1908 to 1919 and as commercial engineer of the International General Electric Company from 1919 to 1922. In 1922 he became assistant engineer of the Industrial Engineering Department of the General Electric Company and in 1930 joined the staff of the vice-president, on which he continued until 1933. In 1933 he was appointed manager of the Engineering Department of the company and in 1934 was elected vice-president, continuing in charge of engineering. He has since served in this office, one of the country's major engineering posts.

Dr. Muir is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He has been active in civic organizations at Schenectady and is a member and past president of the Mohawk Club, member of the Mohawk Golf Club, the Edison Club of Schenectady and the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, and the higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Consistory. Dr. Muir is also affiliated with the Tau Beta Pi fraternity and is a member of the Unitarian Church. In 1939, in recognition of his distinguished career, he received from the University of Wisconsin the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering. At the same time he was initiated into the honorary Electrical Engineering fraternity, Eta Kappa Nu, Engineers Club, New York City.

Dr. Muir married, on January 24, 1920, Marian Bedford, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, daughter of Horace G. and Elizabeth (Morley) Bedford. They are the parents of three children: Elizabeth, born December 22, 1921, now a student at Vassar College; Robert, born October 10, 1925, who attends Albany Academy; and John Morley, born September 21, 1930.

JUDGE T. CUTHELL CALDERWOOD—During his active career at the Fulton County bar, Judge T. Cuthell Calderwood has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He has spent many years on the bench, as surrogate from 1916 to 1930 and as county judge and judge of the Children's Court of Fulton County since January, 1931.

Judge Calderwood was born at West Galway, Fulton County, on October 13, 1881, son of Robert and Margaret Ann (Donnan) Calderwood. His father, who was also born in Fulton County, was a farmer in early life and later received an appointment under the Federal government at Washington, District of Columbia, serving during the administrations of Presidents Harrison and McKinley. Afterward he was employed at Hudson Falls, but lived at West Galway until his death on August 30, 1900. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving during the four years of that conflict with the 79th Highlanders from New York, in which regiment he rose from the grade of private to the rank of lieutenant, which he held when he was mustered out. His wife, Margaret Ann (Donnan) Calderwood, was a daughter of George Donnan, for many years a tanner and shoe manufacturer at West Galway, a town known early in its history as Donnan's Hollow. Mrs. Calderwood, who survived her husband many years, died on March 4, 1922.

T. Cuthell Calderwood was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and at Amsterdam High School, where he was graduated in 1900. He prepared for his profession by reading law in the office of Judge Jeremiah Keck at Johnstown, meanwhile completing several commercial courses at Gloversville Business College. In 1903 he was appointed clerk of the Surrogate Court of Fulton County under Judge Keck and in more than a decade of service found notable opportunity to familiarize himself with the business and procedure of that court. Admitted to the bar in 1911, he also launched a successful private practice at Johnstown, where he continued, however, to serve as clerk of the Surrogate Court. In 1915 he was nominated and elected surrogate, assuming that office in January, 1916, for a six-year term. In 1921 he was reëlected for a second term and in 1927 was again chosen to succeed himself. On September 20, 1930, he resigned as surrogate of Fulton County to become a candidate for county judge, to which bench he was duly elected on the Republican ticket in the succeeding general election. Taking office in January, 1931, for a six-year term, he was reëlected in 1936, and has since continued on the bench as county judge and judge of the Children's Court of Fulton County. His long experience and distinguished record have made him a widely known judicial officer.

Judge Calderwood has also been active in many other phases of Johnstown's life. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the Past Masters' Association of Fulton, Herkimer and Montgomery districts; Past High Priest of Johnstown Chapter, No. 78, Royal Arch Masons; and a member of Johnstown Council, Royal and

Select Masters; and Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar, at Gloversville. He is also affiliated with Cayadutta Lodge, No. 218, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Johnstown Encampment, No. 133, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; James H. Parks Camp, No. 18, Sons of Veterans, of which he is Past Commander; the Eccentric Club and Colonial Club of Johnstown; and the several bar associations, including the American Bar Association, New York State, Fulton County and Johnstown Bar associations. Judge Calderwood has always been a Republican in politics and is a member and trustee of the United Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. He has many times been active in behalf of the civic causes of his community and during the period of the World War played an important rôle in the work of the local Red Cross as chairman of the Johnstown Chapter.

On January 21, 1914, he married Ora Meta Potter, daughter of John and Mary Corintha (Kimberly) Potter, of Johnstown. They are the parents of one daughter, Mary Corintha Calderwood, born May 7, 1918.

BEVERLY L. VOSBURGH, M. D.—As director of the medical department of the General Electric Company, Dr. Beverly L. Vosburgh has performed a work of importance and value, not only to this company, but to the city of Schenectady.

Dr. Vosburgh was born February 15, 1897, in Nelliston, New York, son of William Henry and Ada (Wires) Vosburgh. His father, born at Marshville, New York, was for years a successful hotel owner and operator at Fort Plain and Johnstown, this State. He died October 27, 1939. The mother is a native of Fort Plain.

Public schools of Ames, Watertown, Fort Plain, Johnstown and Schenectady provided the early formal education of Beverly L. Vosburgh, who later was a student at Schenectady High School and was graduated from Johnstown High School in 1914. He was then a student at Union College until 1918, when he was graduated from that institution as a Bachelor of Arts. He took his medical training at Albany Medical College, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922. There followed an interneship at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, for one year. Then, in September, 1923, Dr. Vosburgh came to the medical department of the General Electric Company. He became director of the department in 1928, and has so served down to the time of writing.

In addition to his work in this connection, Dr. Vosburgh is a staff member and assistant cardiologist at Ellis Hospital, and is in charge of the heart clinic at the Schenectady Health Center. Several professional associations have claimed his interest and time, among them the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons and the American Heart Association. A Republican in politics, he is active in a number of fraternal, civic and social organizations, including Meade Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Delta Phi Chapter at Union College and the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. Fond of golf, he belongs to the Mohawk Golf Club, on whose course he often plays, and in leisure time he also enjoys hunting, fishing and sailing. He is a member of the Unitarian Church, whose board of trustees has found him a valuable member and chairman.

On June 14, 1923, Dr. Beverly L. Vosburgh married Mary Ingham Thomas, of Schenectady, daughter of William and Anna (Ingham) Thomas. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. William Thomas Vosburgh, on December 9, 1927. 2. Mary Louise Vosburgh, on December 19, 1929.

JOHN D. OGSBURY—Guiding genius of the "Altamont Enterprise" for more than half a century, John D. Ogsbury, of Altamont, New York, is not only the dean of the newspaper profession in the Capital Region of New York State, but is widely honored and respected as a leading citizen of his town, having through the years been always identified with every enterprise and organization established for the development and prosperity of his community.

John D. Ogsbury was born on August 31, 1856, at Guilderland, Albany County, New York, the son of John P. and Margaret Jane (Van Valkenburgh) Ogsbury. John P. Ogsbury, who passed his life as a farmer, was an active citizen of his town, serving it as superintendent of highways.

After spending several years in the public schools of Guilderland, John D. Ogsbury began his career as a farmer, but in 1885 took up a new life as a business man, establishing himself in the undertaker's and furniture dealer's business at Altamont. Shortly thereafter, he worked for a time as a carpenter, but in 1886, taking over a half ownership in the "Altamont Enterprise," began his real life's work as a newspaperman. This weekly paper, founded in 1884 by David Crowe, has long reflected the personality and ideals of Mr. Ogsbury, for as editor and publisher he has always directed his influence toward the well-being of Altamont and the neighboring towns which the journal serves. For the past twenty-five years Mr. Ogsbury has been assisted in the management of the "Enterprise" by his son, Howard F. Ogsbury. A lifelong member of the Republican party and always eager to use his personal influence as well as the weight of his paper in the interest of good government in his town and State, Mr. Ogsbury has modestly declined any political office, following the journalistic tradition of complete freedom from all obligation. A member of the Reformed Church of Altamont, Mr. Ogsbury, who is a member of the Shuffleboard Club of Saint Petersburg, Florida, was formerly active in various fraternal organizations in Altamont, his memberships including the Knights of Pythias, the Good Templars and the Order of the Maccabees.

John D. Ogsbury married on June 1, 1885, at Altamont, New York, the town then being known as Knowersville, Mary Elizabeth Brunk, a daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Miller) Brunk. Mrs. Ogsbury died in November, 1930. Mr. Ogsbury is the father of six children: 1. Mrs. Herman Renskers. 2. Dewitt, C. 3. Milton J. 4. Merlin L., deceased. 5. John P. 6. Howard F.

HOWARD F. OGSBURY—Both from inheritance and personal choice, Howard F. Ogsbury, of Altamont, Albany County, New York, has been identified with newspaper work since boyhood. There are few phases of journalism with which he is not familiar, and although far from the height of his career, he already has had more than a quarter of a century's experience to his credit.

Mr. Ogsbury is a native and lifelong resident of Altamont, born November 5, 1895, son of John D. and Mary Elizabeth (Brunk) Ogsbury. His mother is deceased; his father has long been the owner, editor and publisher of the "Altamont Enterprise," a weekly newspaper that was founded in 1884 by David Crowe.

Howard F. Ogsbury attended the public and high schools of his birthplace, and at the age of eighteen or nineteen joined his father in business. He had grown up in the printing establishment and associates accuse him of having "printer's ink in his veins." In the course of time he became a partner with his father in running the "Altamont Enterprise" and has made important contributions to its success and influence.

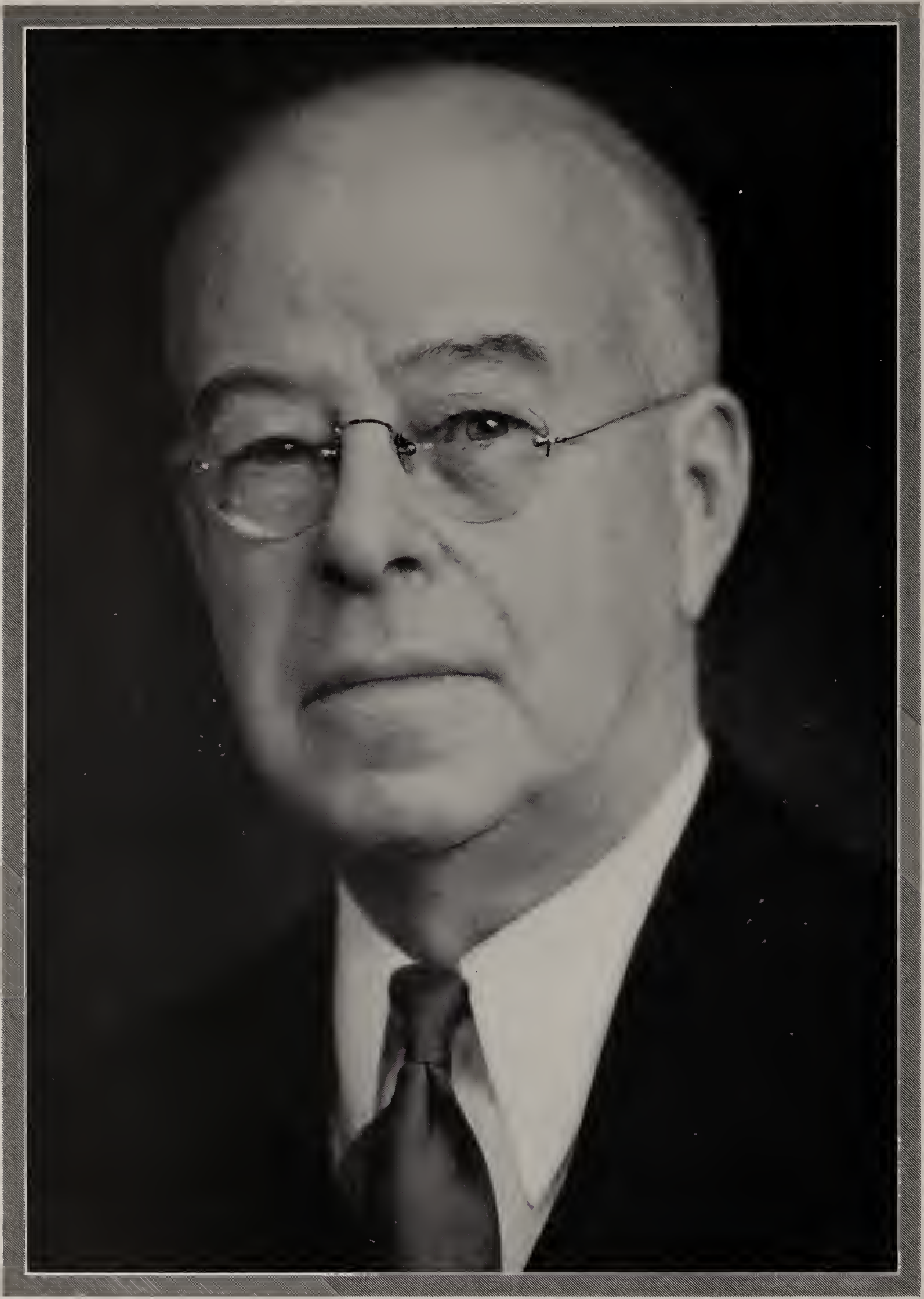
In politics Mr. Ogsbury is a Republican, but is first, last and all the time a civic-minded citizen helping to further the prosperity and betterment of his town. He belongs to the Altamont Fire Department, whose history ranges back to the days of fancy dress and various competitions in the frequent conventions of volunteer firemen in the State. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Noah Lodge, No. 754, Free and Accepted Masons; Noah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a Past Master of his lodge in 1933; and member of the Albany Grotto. He is an influential member of the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the National Editorial Association and the New York State Press Association. He is a member of the Altamont Reformed Church.

WILLIAM C. FEATHERS—As chairman of the board of directors of the Manufacturers' National Bank, of Troy, William C. Feathers occupies a position of high standing in this city and among its people. He has long been associated with this banking institution, and his labors as a banker and along many other lines of activity have been highly beneficial to his community.

Mr. Feathers was born March 24, 1870, on a farm in the town of Nassau, New York, between Hoags Corners and East Nassau, about a mile north of Tsawassa Lake, which was then known as Cummings Pond. His family is an old one. He is of the fifth generation in direct line of descent, according to family records, from George A. Feathers, born May 6, 1761, in Sharon, New York, died January 13, 1814. His son, Henry Feathers, born March 27, 1786, died September 30, 1859; married, April 24, 1808, Sally Gale, born June 15, 1788, died September 2, 1868. Their son, Calvin Feathers, born August 22, 1814, died April 8, 1885, in Nassau, New York; married Mary Jane Cottrell, born January 13, 1817, died December 13, 1901. Their son, John Feathers, William C. Feathers' father, born November 30, 1842, in Poestenkill, New York, died January 4, 1907, in Troy, New York; married Orcelia F. Ives, born April 25, 1846, died May 26, 1891.

Their son, William C. Feathers, attended the "Little Red School House" on the knoll at the southwest end of Cummings Pond, as Tsawassa Lake was at that time known. The home farm was jointly owned by his grandfather, but was later sold to a Mr. Kittle. In 1876, when William C. Feathers was six years old, he removed with his family to the village of Berlin, Rensselaer County, where he attended graded school and was graduated in 1886. On April 1 of that year the family removed to Troy, residing for a short time on President Street and afterward taking up their home at No. 157 Sixth Avenue, Lansingburg. In 1886 William C. Feathers became a student at Troy Business College, where he was graduated in 1887 after completing a course in banking. In August or September, 1887, through that institution of learning, he obtained employment with the Gilbert Car Manufacturing Company, of Green Island, starting as a timekeeper. In 1893, when that company failed, he was serving as assistant bookkeeper. Then, through the efforts of William Shaw, receiver for the company, who was a director of the Manufacturers' National Bank, of Troy, Mr. Feathers obtained employment with the bank in July, 1893.

In March, 1907, Mr. Feathers was appointed cashier of the bank, which made him vice-president and a director in January, 1921, and president on November 25, 1925. After carrying on his work as head of the bank for a number of years, he was made chairman of the board of directors on January 10, 1934, and on January 15, 1936, was named chairman of the executive committee. His banking training was sound and extensive. He received



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his first guidance under the direction of Frank E. Howe, a leading banker in the district. As time went on, he assumed an ever more important position in his profession. Laws in the early twentieth century did not permit national banks to operate branches, but Mr. Feathers was instrumental in organizing a number of State banks that would serve the purpose of branch institutions and still comply with the laws of the land. He helped to form, for instance, the Taconic Valley Bank, of Berlin, which opened for business January 21, 1907, and which never missed a dividend period after it started paying dividends semi-annually in 1909. Mr. Feathers acted as a director of the institution from its inception, and was elected president January 18, 1917, so continuing until January 14, 1935, when his resignation as president and director was necessitated by a change in national laws. Another of his activities was that of aiding in the organization of the Bank of Lake Placid, at Lake Placid, New York, which opened May 4, 1909. He was a director of that institution until May, 1932. He also was active in establishing the Bank of Au Sable Forks, at Au Sable Forks, New York, which opened September 1, 1910, and the State Bank of Ellenberg Depot, at Ellenburg Depot, New York, which opened in 1920. Mr. Feathers was likewise instrumental in converting the private banking firm of Emerson & Company, of Warrensburg, into the Emerson National Bank.

In addition to his work with the Manufacturers' National Bank, of Troy, and with all these other financial institutions, Mr. Feathers served in 1923 and 1924 as chairman of Group V of the New York State Bankers' Association, and in 1927 and 1928 was State vice-president of the American Bankers' Association for National Banks. Mr. Feathers was elected, February 10, 1922, president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, so serving for a year and taking a leading part in arranging the Industrial Exposition of that year at the State Armory. The net proceeds of the exposition amounted to $8,098.52, which was used by the chamber in later years. On March 2, 1916, Mr. Feathers organized the Foster-Ketchum Auto Company. For a few years prior to that time he was auditor for the Foster Piano Company. Both of these companies were organized by George G. Foster, his second cousin. In October, 1922, however, Mr. Feathers relinquished his interest in the piano firm, and at the same time he took over the automobile business and organized the Troy Buick Company, Inc., with which he is still connected, now serving as vice-president. In July, 1937, at the inception of the Colvinex Corporation, Mr. Feathers was made treasurer and a director of the enterprise.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Feathers serves as president of the Hillside Cemetery Association, of Poestenkill. In 1938 and 1939 he was president of the Troy Club. He was elected treasurer and a director of the Eastern New York Orthopædic Foundation, which has an operating corporation known as the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital School, in Schenectady, where recently a hospital extension costing $128,000 was erected. Mr. Feathers has taken a lively interest in this project, in which Ellis Rowe was a prime mover and reported to have willed $1,500,000 to it. Mr. Feathers is also active in the Rensselaer County Historical Society.

William C. Feathers married, January 26, 1892, Alice Eddy Potter, who died June 23, 1936. Mrs. Feathers was a daughter of Alonzo and Charlotte (McDuffie) Potter. Mrs. Feathers' maternal grandfather, Angus McDuffie, a man who sought to live up to Benjamin Franklin's Golden Rule of "doing as much good and as little evil as possible," held many positions of leadership and prominence in his day. He was elected supervisor of the old First Ward of Albany in 1832 and, in 1833, after a struggle against the late Major Gibbons, was elected sheriff of Albany County. In 1840 he was named principal keeper of the Sing Sing State Prison, where he introduced a régime that was strict but not cruel. He also served as mayor of Albany. Angus McDuffie died November 2, 1845.

William C. and Alice Eddy (Potter) Feathers became the parents of a son, Leonard Clarke Feathers, who was born May 10, 1896, in Troy. He attended the schools of his home community, Lansingburg High School, Phillips-Andover Academy and the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wisconsin. During the World War he enlisted in the Naval Aviation Service and was given the commission of ensign. After the conclusion of hostilities he entered the automotive business in New York City in 1919, spending two years with the Buick Motor Company and acquiring a knowledge of the fundamentals of the business. Returning to Troy, he became associated with the Foster-Ketchum Automobile Company, of which his father was president. Quite aside from his work in the motor car industry, which has been important, Leonard C. Feathers is an enthusiast in aviation, owning four planes. Leonard Clarke Feathers married, in 1922, Mary Kavanaugh, daughter of Charles Kavanaugh, wealthy resident of Waterford. To this marriage two children were born: 1. Henrietta Kavanaugh Feathers, born January 10, 1923, a student at a private school. 2. Joan Potter Feathers, born February 2, 1925.

NATHAN ROOT BIRGE—As vice-president of the General Electric Company, Nathan Root Birge continues his long association with Schenectady's leading industry. He has spent his entire career in its service and has risen to his present position on the basis of his record and experience.

Mr. Birge was born in Bristol, Connecticut, on June 16, 1877, son of John and Mary Antoinette (Root) Birge, both of whom were also natives of Bristol. His father, who died in 1906, was a knit goods manufacturer there. His mother died in 1891.

Nathan Root Birge received his preliminary education in the Bristol public schools and after completing the high school course in 1896, entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, in the class of 1900. In the same year he became associated with the General Electric Company and worked for two years at the plant at Lynn, Massachusetts. At the end of this time he came to the Schenectady plant, where he was employed in the supply department. As he demonstrated his capacities he was entrusted with executive responsibilities as manager of the street lighting department and assistant manager of the supply department successively. Under Gerard Swope he was advanced to the position of assistant to the president, where his record in meeting the many varied duties devolving upon him earned him further consideration. As a result, in 1937, he was elected vice-president of the General Electric Company and has since served as one of its principal operating officials.

Mr. Birge is also a director of many affiliated companies, including Carboloy, Inc., Edison General Electric Appliance Company, Inc., General Electric X-Ray Corporation, Locke Insulator Corporation, Monowatt Electric Corporation, Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company, Warren Telechron Company, Bailey Meter Company, Electric Vacuum Cleaner Company, Inc., and General Electric Supply Corporation.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Birge is a member of the Mohawk Club and Mohawk Golf Club of Schenectady, the Schenectady Curling Club, the Lotos Club of New York City and the Union League Club of Chicago. He is a Republican in politics. During the Spanish-American War, he served with a Connecticut battery in the United States Volunteers.

On September 14, 1904, Nathan Root Birge married Bertha Haight, of Schenectady, daughter of E. L. and Ida (Sickler) Haight. They are the parents of two children: 1. John, born in 1906, educated at Brown University. He is married and has two daughters, Priscilla and Cynthia. 2. Barbara, who married Charles G. Roberts, of Morristown, New Jersey; they have two children: Charles G. and Nathan Root Roberts.

ALBERT J. MORRIS—As president and treasurer of the Troy Buick Company, Albert J. Morris has made a substantial contribution to the life of Troy and its people and institutions.

Mr. Morris was born September 10, 1892, in New York City, son of the late Alfred J. and Camille (Auerbach) Morris.

Attending the public schools of New York City, he was graduated there from Morris High School in 1911 and then studied at the College of the City of New York. Upon completing his formal schooling, he turned his attention to the automobile trade, in which he has since been engaged. First of all, he devoted himself to learning the fundamentals of the business in association with the Chalmers Motor Company's service department in New York City. At the outbreak of the World War, he enlisted as a private in the 27th Division, from New York State, and served overseas for a year with the American Expeditionary Forces, rising to the sergeant's rank and being discharged as a sergeant, first-class, in April, 1919. Directly after the conclusion of hostilities he was employed by the General Motors Export Company, of New York, representing them in Detroit and a number of Canadian cities. In 1921, returning to New York City, Mr. Morris became district manager of the Buick Motor Company in New York, remaining there in that capacity until 1934.

In that year he went to Charlotte, North Carolina, as assistant zone manager, with duties placing him in charge of both the North and South Carolina territory for the Pontiac Motor Car Company. In November, 1937, he resigned from that position to become president and treasurer of the Troy Buick Company. He still continues in this work in Troy, and is widely known in the business community in the Capital Region.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Morris is a member of the advisory committee of the Troy Automobile Dealers' Association. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Troy City Club, the Troy Country Club, the American Legion, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has continued, in his career, the splendid tradition established by his parents and forebears, a tradition of honesty and fair dealing. His father, who was a native of Macon, Georgia, later became engaged in the manufacture of women's dress novelties in New York City. The mother was a native of Holland, but died when Mr. Morris was only three years of age. Both parents were laid to rest in New York City. Mr. Morris is unmarried.

In leisure time he particularly enjoys the out-of-doors playing considerable golf.

ROBERT LEE MARSHALL—As a member of the law firm of Harder, Marshall and Pitt at Hoosick Falls, Robert Lee Marshall continues the professional career which he began more than a decade ago. He is a well-known lawyer in this section and plays an active part in the general life of his community.

Mr. Marshall was born in the town of Hoosick on August 28, 1906, son of Rudolph A. and Mary A. (Lee) Harder Marshall. His father, a florist, was born in Troy and was later a resident of Hoosick Falls and Albany. Both parents are now deceased.

Educated in the public schools of Hoosick and the parochial schools of Albany, Robert Lee Marshall prepared for his professional career at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1929 and began practice in Albany as junior attorney with the firm of Byrne, Jeram and Casey, in which the senior partner was the Hon. William T. Byrne. In 1932 he resigned this connection and became associated in practice at Albany with his half-brother, the late George W. Harder, who died on February 13, 1936. The present firm of Harder, Marshall and Pitt was an outgrowth of their association. This firm, in which DeForest C. Pitt participates, has been located permanently at Hoosick Falls since February, 1938. He is now clerk of the Surrogate Court.

Mr. Marshall carries on a general law practice, and his position at the Rensselaer County bar indicates his professional standing. As a resident of Hoosick Falls, he is also influential in civic affairs and now serves as village trustee. He is a member of the several bar associations, the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

REV. JAMES LANMON WHITCOMB—Since 1930 the Rev. James Lanmon Whitcomb has served as headmaster of Hoosac School for boys at Hoosick. He brings to this office his long experience in education and boys' work and a deep appreciation of the values which underlie the fine tradition of the institution which he heads.

He was born at Keene, New Hampshire, on October 1, 1889, son of Frank Herbert and Grace (Nims) Whitcomb. His father has served without interruption as city clerk of Keene since 1896. He is also a past member of the State Legislature and one of New Hampshire's most prominent Masons, having been elected to the honorary thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite in recognition of his long service in the order.

James Lanmon Whitcomb received his preparatory education at Keene High School and at Trinity School, in New York City. Subsequently he entered St. Stephen's College at Annandale-on-Hudson, where he was a member of the class of 1914, and in his later preparation for ordination to the priesthood, was a special student at General Theological Seminary from 1925 to 1928. From 1912 to 1930, Mr. Whitcomb served as director of the Lake Delaware Boys' Camp and Club, a social and educational institution, with headquarters in New York City. The broad experience in the guidance of youth and the problems of boyhood which this post brought him, furnished exceptional qualifications for his present responsibilities as administrative head of Hoosac School. Meanwhile, a desire to participate more directly in the work of the church prompted his decision to become a candidate for ordination. While carrying on his special studies at General Theological Seminary, Father Whitcomb served as curate of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church at Ossining in 1927-28. In 1928 he was ordained a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church and during the following two years was curate of the Church of St. Edward the Martyr in New York City. In 1930 he was called to the Hoosac School as headmaster and rector and has since remained as its administrative head.

The history and traditions of Hoosac School go back for more than half a century. It was founded in 1889 by Edward Dudley Tibbits, D. D., L. H. D., and has an unbroken educational record of service to boys in their development of American cultural living. The following paragraphs quoted from a school publication present the essential information about the school in summary form:

> The school is charmingly situated in historic colonial territory, where the Taconics merge with the Green Mountains in an unforgettable beauty at the Valley of the Hoosac River. Hoosick Village is thirteen miles from Williamstown, Massachusetts, seven miles from Bennington, Vermont, and twenty-two miles from Troy, New York. It is on the main line of the Boston & Maine Railroad between Boston and Troy. U. S. Route No. 7 passes the school campus. The climate and altitude are conducive to vigorous health and happy outdoor activities for the growing boy.
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> Prominent amongst its buildings is the Chapel of All Saints, cherished for more than a generation of continuous and unbroken consecration of school life to the beauty of holiness and holiness of beauty.
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> By intention the school is limited to sixty boys for the purpose of giving closer attention to the individual. The masters are all men who have been chosen for their understanding and experience with boys as well as their college or university training. From Hoosac boys have gone to all the better known universities and colleges. Clear thinking and sound learning in an atmosphere of Christian family life is the sincere aim of the school. The success of this aim is a living fact in Hoosac alumni.
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> In its athletics, Hoosac stresses activity for all rather than for senior teams. Intramural sports are enjoyed by the traditional student clubs—Antonians and Graftonians. Games with neighboring preparatory schools supply keen sports competition commensurate to the capacities of the boys. Sports and all activities are not considered ends in themselves, but means to keener perception of self. Teams are not dominated by a master coach mind in playing the game. Hockey and skiing are the popular winter sports

at Hoosac, for one of its finest seasons is the clear cold winter.

Hoosac was among the original group of schools devoted to the development of the individual boy by the "self-help" plan, in which education is pursued not as an escape from labor but as a keen and effective tool with which to work harder and apply creative thinking more effectively. . . . .

The essential objectives of the school are indicated in the words of the present headmaster:

> Hoosac aspires to be a school of preparation and so seeks to lay a substructure worthy of the future building. At Hoosac there survives belief in the enduring worth of the classics. Hoosac uses current scientific measures in the enlistment of the whole personality in its process of assimilation for the formation of life attitudes in an environment of Christian living.

Father Whitcomb has been president of the board of trustees of Hoosac School, Inc., for the past ten years, as well as rector and headmaster. While his primary thought and effort are given to his own school, he has served since 1939 as a trustee of Bard College (Columbia University), formerly St. Stephens, and in 1939 became a member of the faculty of the "Valley Forge Young People's Conference." As a churchman, he is active in the Albany Protestant Episcopal Diocese, for which he was appointed an examining chaplain in 1933, and is vice-president of the board of trustees of St. Barnabas parish in Troy. Among his other church interests is also his service as a member of the board of directors of the Church Mission of Help in Albany and as a member of the board of directors of the National Church Mission of Help.

Father Whitcomb is affiliated with the Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity and with the Masonic Order.

On January 12, 1918, at Keene, New Hampshire, he married Josephine Hale, daughter of William Samuel and Emma (Frost) Hale. Father and Mrs. Whitcomb are the parents of three children: David William, born October 15, 1918; Francis Hale, born March 4, 1923; and Priscilla, born May 14, 1926.

W. LEON HUTT—Teaching and school administration have comprised W. Leon Hutt's major work, and he is at the time of writing superintendent of schools in Hoosick Falls, New York.

Mr. Hutt was born September 12, 1892, in Williamstown, New York, son of Earl S. and Frances (Waters) Hutt, natives of Oswego, the former an agriculturist and business man, now retired from his active endeavors.

Completing his preliminary education, W. Leon Hutt became a student at Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1914. In 1924 he received the degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University, in New York City. Beginning his active school work in 1914, he served from that year to 1917 as principal of the East Randolph Union School. From 1917 to 1918 he was principal of Barker High School. Then, from July 1 to December 21, 1918, he was in the service of the United States during the World War emergency, serving in the 13th Training Battery, Field Artillery Corps Officers' Training School, at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. He is at the time of writing a captain in the 367th Field Artillery Reserves. In February, 1919, Mr. Hutt became a science teacher at Port Jervis High School, Port Jervis, New York, so continuing until June, 1920. From 1920 to 1925 he served as principal of Mexico High School, at Mexico, and then, in 1925, he took his present post as superintendent of schools at Hoosick Falls. He has taken an active part in the work of a number of civic and social organizations. Mr. Hutt is a member of the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club, of which he was the first president after the club's inception. He also is a member of the Hoosick Falls Golf and Country Club, the American Legion, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Odd Fellows he belongs to Conewango Lodge, No. 282, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. And in the Masonic Order Mr. Hutt is affiliated with Van Rensselaer Lodge, No. 400, of which he is a Past Master, and he is also a a past district deputy of the Rensselaer-Schenectady District.

At Pulaski, New York, August 19, 1914, W. Leon Hutt married Florence Farrington, who was graduated from Syracuse University in 1914 as a Bachelor of Arts, daughter of Grant and Claritta (Balsley) Farrington. Mr. and Mrs. Hutt are the parents of a daughter, Marjorie E. Hutt, who was born June 9, 1925.

MILLS TEN EYCK—Active in banking and civic affairs, Mills Ten Eyck has served Schenectady in many important capacities, including that of mayor, and he is president of the Schenectady Savings Bank.

Mr. Ten Eyck was born November 1, 1883, in Albany, New York, son of William Cuyler and Harriet (Mills) Ten Eyck. He attended schools in Albany, was graduated from Albany High School, and early began work as a messenger with the Albany County Savings Bank in 1901. Later he associated himself with the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, of Albany, as a clerk. He then served as assistant treasurer of the Albany County Savings Bank until 1917. On January 15, 1920, he became assistant treasurer of the Schenectady Savings Bank, of which he was made a trustee and treasurer in 1924. Mr.

Ten Eyck

Ten Eyck served as executive vice-president and treasurer of this institution from September, 1928, to March, 1937, when he was elected president.

His achievement as president of this institution has been of great value, as has also his work along several other lines. He is a director of the Citizens' Trust Company of Schenectady, and of the Morris Plan Bank here. He was formerly president of the Albany Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, and is now a member of the Schenectady Chapter of the institute. He is also a past vice-president of the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, and was formerly a member of the national council of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Ten Eyck has led Schenectady's government most effectively as its mayor. He is president of the board of trustees of the Old Ladies' Home here, president of the Schenectady Museum Association, vice-chairman of the Schenectady County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a trustee of the Schenectady Public Library, treasurer of the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra and a director of Ellis Hospital. He has had an active interest in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is now chairman of the board of trustees and has been president of the board of directors, vice-president of the New York State organization and a member of the national council.

In addition to all his other undertakings, Mr. Ten Eyck is a member of the board of trustees of the Brown School. Formerly he was president of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Schenectady Bureau of Municipal Research, president of the Brown School's board of directors and a city councilman. He is a member and trustee of the Holland Society of New York, a member of the Newcomen Society of England, an honorary member of the Schenectady Rotary Club, a member and former president of the Mohawk Club and a member of the Mohawk Golf Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is connected with St. George's Lodge, of Schenectady.

Adding authorship to his other attainments, Mr. Ten Eyck is the writer of the pamphlet, "Schenectady's Nonagenarian Industry." During the World War he served as junior lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. He belongs to the American Legion and to the Philip Livingston Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution. He is a member of the advisory board of the First Reformed Church. His favorite hobbies are coin and stamp collecting, and he enjoys playing golf and curling.

Mills Ten Eyck married, December 21, 1918, Edith Waterman. They have the following children: 1. Mills, Jr. 2. Grace. 3. Peter Van Antwerp. 4. Susan Catherine.

ALFRED C. MENEELY—Of the company operating the oldest bell foundry in America, Alfred C. Meneely is the president and treasurer. The foundry was established in 1826 in Watervliet, on a part of the site now occupied by the present modern plant. It is worthy of more than passing note that direct male descendants have controlled its affairs from the founder, Andrew H. Meneely to Alfred C. Meneely, who is a member of the fourth generation to head the business. It is sincerely hoped that his twelve-year-old son may eventually choose bell making for his mature career.

Most of the large bells in this country prior to the turn of the century were cast by Meneely & Company.

The history of Meneely & Company may be summarized as follows: In 1826 Andrew Meneely began the manufacture of mathematical and surveyors instruments in a modest plant in Watervliet. Before long he was specializing on the founding of bells, church bells in particular. Edward A. Meneely became a partner in 1850, and the following year, after the death of Andrew Meneely, formed a partnership with his brother, George R. Meneely, as Andrew Meneely's Sons—in 1863 as E. A. & G. R. Meneely, and in 1874 as Meneely & Company.

In 1874 Andrew H. Meneely began his apprenticeship. His instructors were the best in their respective lines. George R. Meneely retired in 1876, and Andrew H. Meneely was admitted to partnership by his father in 1880 and, in 1886, after the death of Edwin A. Meneely, assumed oversight of the business in all its branches. In January, 1908, a corporation was formed with Andrew H. Meneely as its president. Two sons, Andrew E. and Alfred C. Meneely joined their father in partnership. Since the death of the older brother, in 1939, Alfred C. Meneely has been president and treasurer of the corporation.

Alfred C. Meneely was born in Watervliet, in 1891, son of Andrew H. Meneely, of previous mention, and the former Grace Young, both of whom are deceased. His preliminary education was obtained in the Watervliet grammar and high schools, being a graduate from the latter in 1910. Entering Union College, at Schenectady, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science, with the class of 1914. In that same year he entered the employ of the Halcomb Steel Company, at the Syracuse plant, as a chemist and metallurgist, but after a short time joined his father and brother in Meneely & Company. In the good tradition of the family, Alfred C. Meneely had to prove his knowledge and abilities in bell-founding before he received any favors or even promotion. Although he was broadly educated and a sound technician, he was still serving what might be called an apprenticeship when the United States became entangled in the World War and he joined the army, serving with the

67th Infantry, United States Army, with the rank of sergeant. Later he was one of the organizers and a charter member of the John A. Patton Post of the American Legion at Watervliet.

When again Mr. Meneely returned to civilian activities, he reassumed his position in Meneely & Company and filled well a succession of offices until 1939, since which year he has been the executive head and treasurer of the corporation. He also is president and treasurer of the Meneely Brass & Bronze Company, a subsidiary of the parent concern. In brief, Alfred C. Meneely has been identified with bell-making for more than a quarter of a century. He was identified with the important discoveries made in tone qualities of metals and better alloys. He had a hand in the expansion of products the company distributes all over the country, church bells, peals, chimes, carillons, and numerous sound-making instruments. However proud he may be of the ancient history of the concern, this has not prevented him from making his plant ultra-modern in its practices, mechanical equipment, scientific and special appliances necessary to the best workmanship and the definite determination of exact musical values. In other words, new lustre has been added to the reputation of an old establishment by a present-day executive.

In New York City, in 1929, Alfred C. Meneely married Dorothy A. Wheeler, daughter of Amelia (Rodd) Wheeler, who was one of the original Red Cross nurses of Troy, American Expeditionary Forces, and who was honored with the General Pershing Citation. Mr. and Mrs. Meneely are the parents of a son, Robert Wheeler Meneely, born in 1929.

HARRY C. EMENS—Figuring prominently in Cairo business life, particularly on the financial side, Harry C. Emens is cashier of the Cairo National Bank and is connected with a number of fire insurance companies in this area.

Mr. Emens was born February 17, 1892, in Binghamton, Broome County, New York, son of Charles H. and Ardell (Blair) Emens. His father was for years engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Owego, New York. The mother came from Schoharie County. Both parents are now deceased.

Public schools provided Harry C. Emens' early formal education. From the classroom he went immediately into the furniture business in association with his father in Owego, New York. He remained for five years in that business, then became connected with the Jamison Supply Company, at Marathon, New York. In 1917 Mr. Emens accepted a post as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Marathon. Until 1925 he was associated with that bank. Then he came to Cairo as cashier of the Cairo National Bank, continuing since that time in this same capacity. He is also a director and an executive committeeman of the Pioneer Fire Insurance Company, the Greene County Fire Insurance Company and the Catskill Mountain Fire Insurance Company (of Greenville, New York).

Fraternally Mr. Emens is active in Kedemah Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and is a Past Master of Marathon Lodge. He is also a member of Catskill Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

On August 2, 1912, Harry C. Emens married Adylene Cooley, of Binghamton, New York. Their son, Allyn Emens, a graduate of Cairo High School and of the University of Pennsylvania, where he took the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935, is associated with the Central Hudson Power & Light Company as a member of the sales department; he married Ruth Cole.

JOHN A. CARMAN—With the development of the business which he established as a young man a quarter of a century ago, John A. Carman, of Prattsville, has become the largest independent trucker in the East. His milk and fuel tanks, tractors, trailers and large fleet of trucks are in daily operation throughout a wide area ranging northward and westward from New York City and embracing virtually the entire New York milk shed.

Mr. Carman was born at Roxbury, Delaware County, on November 3, 1893, son of Andrew and Eva (Mase) Carman, both of Prattsville. His father, a farmer and trucker, died in 1926. His mother is still living. After a public school education, John A. Carman began driving a team as a young man, and three years later bought horses and equipment and went into the hauling business for himself. In 1919 he bought his first motor truck and for some years after that hauled with both horses and trucks, until the motor vehicles gradually displaced the horse-drawn carts and his business in its present shape began to take form. At this time Mr. Carman was engaged in hauling feed and coal from the railroad siding and milk to the various rail shipment points.

In 1920, when the tunnel was started, he acquired more trucks, received the hauling contract and began the first major expansion of his business. In 1922 he received the contract to haul cement for the Ulen Construction Corporation building the intake shafts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. In the same year he started his first long hauls, initiating this phase of his business by hauling feed and other products to Oneonta. In 1927 he made his first contact with the dairy industry by hauling milk into Catskill for the McDermott Dairies and, in 1929, started hauling from Prattsville to New York City. In 1931 he bought his first milk tank to haul for the Dairymen's League on the Catskill-Millerton run, where cans had previously been used. In 1933 he started with Hegeman Farms and added another tank, hauling out of Kortright Station and later out of Sheds. In 1934 he bought five more milk tanks and began hauling for other companies—out of Poland for the Juniper Valley Dairy Company, in 1937; out of Blenheim for the Tuscan Dairies, in 1938, and also for Sheffield Farms until September, 1939, averaging eight hundred to one thousand cans of milk per day from Grand Gorge to Jamaica, Long Island. During the 1939 milk strike he hauled for all of his regular customers as well as from Vermont into the New York milk shed without a loss. He has also hauled for the Rockdale Creamery Corporation of Rockdale and Smyrna, for Hagaman Farms and Grand View, seven tanks per day; also for Hagaman out of Maybury Mills, Youngs Crossing, Sheds and Kortright Station, one thousand two hundred cans per day; .for Breakstone Brothers out of Little Falls, three hundred cans daily; and for the Vogt Ice Cream Company out of New Kingston, three hundred cans daily, and also three hundred cans from Kyserike to New Paltz and Roxbury. At the present time he has a total of twenty-five milk tanks in operation.

In the package haul business the growth has been just as steady. Mr. Carman began hauling for McDermott out of Catskill and continued for three years. When McDermott bought their new plant in Manorkill, he also took over that haul for two years, until the company started to do its own hauling. Afterward, when McDermott met financial difficulties, he purchased their trucks and continued the haul for another year and a half. In 1933 he began hauling case milk for Delaware County Dairies and L. Daitch & Company and has had this business amounting to fifty or sixty tons daily ever since. For the Vogt Ice Cream Company, he has been hauling cases and cans out of Delhi since 1933, with two loads daily out of New Paltz to New York City starting in 1937, also hauling for trailers which are spotted in New York, and two loads daily out of Prattsville to New York. He has been hauling daily for Lexington Farms, since 1930, four hundred cans of cheese, milk and cream, and for Ferndale Farms hauls two hundred cans daily out of Hamden, besides transporting milk for them in big tanks out of Andes and Bovina Center, with additional loads of cream and powdered milk.

Mr. Carman also hauls general freight out of New York to all these points. In 1932 he launched another important department of his business when he began hauling petroleum products for himself, taking over for Sinclair & Texaco in 1933. In 1934 he added Colonial Beacon and, in 1935, Cities Service, Gulf, Standard Oil and a number of distributors. These hauls are made from the bulk storage plants on the Hudson River to Saratoga, Glens Falls, Schenectady, Grand Gorge, Valatie, Mechanicville, Whitehall, Unadilla, Fort Plain, Hagaman, Oneonta, Sidney, Delhi, Arkville, Liberty, Monticello, Port Jervis, Windham, Ellenville, Stamford, Luzerne, Hobart and other points. He has seven large tanks in operation all the time, hauling fuel oil, gasoline and kerosene.

On January 20, 1938, a fire destroyed his garage and ten trucks. The present fine garage, built in 1938, consists of two connected buildings, one 160x120 and the other part 90x90 feet, all planned and constructed by his own men.

Mr. Carman carries on his business under the name of John A. Carman, and by his initiative and sound judgment has built up what is now the largest independent trucking business in the East. He operates in all a total of fifty trucks and tractors and forty-two trailers and gives year around employment to from eighty to one hundred men. His dairy business alone amounts to four hundred tons daily, and for refrigerating these trucks he harvests about three thousand tons of ice yearly, which he stores in his own ice house at South Gilboa.

Mr. Carman, who has become one of Greene County's leading business men, is a member of the Reformed Church and is independent in politics. In 1938 he was asked to be a candidate for the State Senate, on the Democratic ticket, but declined to run. His business absorbs his entire attention, and his leisure is devoted to his family.

On November 18, 1914, he married Ola Schermerhorn, of Grand Gorge. They became the parents of three children: Kathryn, deceased; Andrew, a high school student, now seventeen years old; and Louis, fourteen years old, who is also attending high school.

KARL HOWARD RUNKLE—Since 1917, Karl Howard Runkle has been associated with the General Electric Company in Schenectady. A graduate engineer, he has spent his entire professional career with this corporation, rising gradually within the organization to his present position as assistant manager of the industrial department.

Mr. Runkle was born in Lisbon, Iowa, on August 22, 1895, son of William Henry and Elizabeth Ann (Hoover) Runkle. His father, who was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1913, was a retail jeweler in Lisbon, Iowa, for many years. His mother, who was born there, is still living.

Karl Howard Runkle was educated in the public schools of Lisbon and after completing the high school course in 1913, entered Iowa State College, at Ames, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the degree of

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1917. In the same year he began with the General Electric Company as a student engineer in the Schenectady plant and has remained continuously with the company ever since. In 1924 he spent six months in South America, chiefly on the west coast, for the International General Electric Company, but aside from that his duties have kept him principally in Schenectady, where his present responsibilities as assistant manager of the industrial department now center.

Mr. Runkle has risen to this office through the merit of his services and is well known both in the General Electric organization and in a number of the leading professional and industrial organizations of the country. He is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, American Management Association, and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association. He is a director of the Arcrods Corporation, a member of the University Club at New York, and in the Schenectady area is a member of the Mohawk Club and the Mohawk Golf Club. In addition to these connections he is affiliated with the Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities. Mr. Runkle is a Republican in politics and a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Schenectady. His favorite recreation is golf.

On September 11, 1918, he married Lena Ehresman, of Lisbon, Iowa, daughter of Charles and Anna (Nost) Ehresman. Mr. and Mrs. Runkle have two sons: Karl Ehresman, born July 19, 1919, now a student at Iowa State College; and William Hoover, born July 10, 1929.

JAMES PURVIANCE ATKINSON—Recognized as one of Columbia County's leading citizens since he came here to live some years ago, James Purviance Atkinson devotes a considerable amount of time to chemical research in his own private laboratory. His own background of achievement in chemistry, as research and chief chemist for the Department of Health, City of New York, is a brilliant one; and he has been enabled to follow his loved work in recent years, along the lines of his own desires, by virtue of turning over management of his large farm at Niverville to his son.

Mr. Atkinson was born January 3, 1870, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, son of Brodnax Atkinson, of Winchester, Virginia, and Eliza (Purviance) Atkinson, of Natchez, Mississippi, both now deceased. His father was a member of the A. T. Stewart & Company wholesale department of New York City, operators of one of the largest metropolitan stores in his day, at present John Wanamaker.

The Pingry School in Elizabeth, his New Jersey birthplace, provided James Purviance Atkinson's early formal education, and he later became a student at Princeton College, where he was graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, afterward taking the degree of Master of Science. For a time, until 1896, he taught at Princeton. Then, from 1896 to 1903, Mr. Atkinson was connected with the Research Department Laboratory of the Department of Health of New York City. In 1903 he became chief chemist of the Department of Health, City of New York, so serving until 1920.

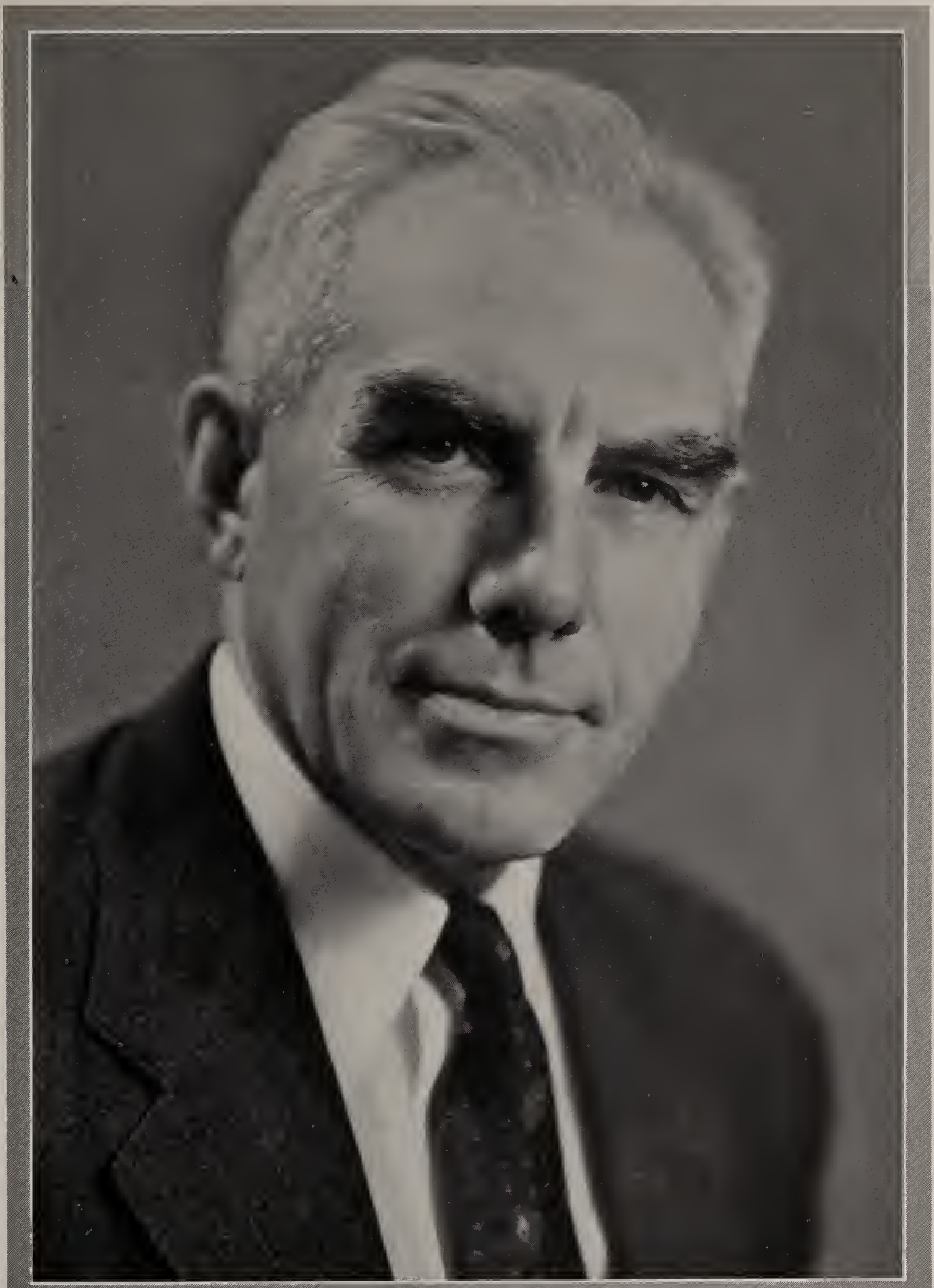
It was in 1920, upon leaving his official duties with the city, that Mr. Atkinson came to Columbia County and bought his present farm which he worked until quite recently. The farm is now operated by his son Robert. From 1932 to 1940 Mr. Atkinson served as trustee of the local one-room school of his district for the town of Kinderhook. He was Scoutmaster of Troop No. 1, of Flushing, Long Island, Boy Scouts of America, during the period of the World War. To his other attainments he has added military service, having been a member of the 7th Regiment, National Guard, New York, from 1896 to 1902. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1899, in New York City, James Purviance Atkinson married Maria Normand Smith, daughter of Dr. Normand Smith, of Hartford, Connecticut, and Elena (Imhof) Smith, of Rome, Italy, both now deceased. Her father was a physician in New York City. The following children were born of this marriage: Maria Elena, Robert Purviance, Normand Smith, and Eliza Purviance, now Mrs. Eliza Purviance (Atkinson) Fuller.

EARL OWEN SHREVE—During his long service with the General Electric Company, Earl Owen Shreve has risen from minor positions in the organization to his present office as vice-president in charge of sales. His headquarters are in Schenectady.

Mr. Shreve was born in Mapleton, Iowa, on October 31, 1881, son of James Elmer and Addie Alma (Cone) Shreve. His father, born near Massillon, Ohio, October 3, 1856, was a building contractor. His mother was born at Galesburg, Illinois, 1859, and died in 1909.

Earl Owen Shreve was educated in local public schools, the Charter Oak High School, Iowa, and Iowa State College. From this brief statement it must not be inferred that he acquired his academic and technical training without interruptions or without difficulties. He began making a livelihood at the age of twelve years, learning telegraphy, and was a telegrapher for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad during vacations and spare time from study in the Charter Oak High School. This work he continued until 1897, in which year he was a combined station agent and telegrapher for the above-



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named railroad, at Harrisburg, South Dakota, and also was night telegrapher for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system at Charter Oak.

In 1899 Mr. Shreve became an electrical contractor's assistant at Marshalltown, Iowa, and from 1900 to 1904 he was a student at the Iowa State College, from which he was graduated in 1904, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. In recent years he has received honorary recognition from his *alma mater*. From the Ames, Iowa, institution he went to Schenectady, New York, to take test courses for student engineers with the General Electric Company. As already indicated, he has been associated with this immense corporation since that time. In 1906 he was a salesman for the supply department of the company, in the San Francisco office, covering all the California territory outside that city. From 1907 to 1908, he was resident agent of the General Electric Company in the State of Nevada.

From 1909 to 1926, Mr. Shreve was identified with the San Francisco office of the General Electric, acting in 1909 as turbine sales specialist; in 1911 he became apparatus salesman, in charge of transactions with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company; in 1914 he was made manager of apparatus sales; in 1916 he became assistant manager; and from 1917 to 1926, was manager of the San Francisco office. During the latter year he was called East to become manager of the General Electric Company's Industrial Department, at Schenectady, New York. Three years later he was elected assistant vice-president of the company, attached to the staff of the vice-president in charge of sales. Since 1934 he has been vice-president in charge of sales.

Mr. Shreve is not only one of the important executives of one of the country's largest organizations, but is an outstanding figure in professional electrical organizations. He is president of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association; vice-president, American Management Association; director of the General Electric Supply Corporation, and member of the Electrical Manufacturers Club and Army Ordnance Association. In Schenectady affairs he is active as a director of the Schenectady Trust Company; vice-president, Schenectady Council, Boy Scouts of America; director, Schenectady Bureau of Municipal Research; a trustee of Schenectady County Historical Society, and a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce. Numbered among the memberships of Mr. Shreve are the Young Men's Christian Association, Mohawk Club, Mohawk Golf Club, Fortnightly Club, Rotary Club, Schenectady Committee, National Committee for Music Appreciation, Newcomen Society, National Travel Club and the Schuylers Meadows Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, Schenectady; and Durant Lodge, No. 268, Free and Accepted Masons, at Berkeley California. In 1938, Mr. Shreve had the honor of being the first recipient of the Marston Medal, for engineering accomplishment, from Iowa State College. In 1939 he was elected to honorary membership in Iowa Alpha, Tau Beta Pi, and in 1940 was made honorary member of Nu Chapter, Eta Kappa Nu.

On September 9, 1908, Earl Owen Shreve married Annabelle Thomson, of Lynn, Massachusetts, daughter of Robert W. and Effie Thomson. They have three children: 1. Natalie, who married Dwight Ewing Moorhead and has one son, Dwight Ewing, Jr. 2. Robert T., who married Nancy Porter and has one daughter, Sally Owen. 3. Earl Owen, Jr., who is a graduate of Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, New York, class of 1940, and now associated with Sturtevant Company, Boston.

COL. OGDEN J. ROSS—As State Tax Commissioner, Colonel Ogden J. Ross occupies an important place in the official State family at Albany and in the life of New York State as a whole.

Colonel Ross was born April 6, 1893, in Troy, New York, son of E. Ogden and Jennie M. (Neely) Ross and member of an old and honorable family. The founder of this branch of the Ross family in America was George Ross, of Scottish birth, who, while fighting for his King at Dunbar, September 3, 1650, was taken prisoner by the Parliamentary forces. He was at that time scarcely twenty years old, and was sentenced to transportation to the New England Colonies. A few months later he arrived in Boston aboard the ship "John and Sarah," landing prior to May 28, 1650, since the Rev. John Cotton refers to him in a letter so dated. He was a carpenter, and by 1658 came to New Haven, where he was made a freeman. In 1670 he removed to Elizabethtown, New Jersey, where he became a judge and a deacon of the church. He married, in New Haven, December 7, 1658, Constance Little. Colonel Ogden J. Ross' grandfather, Elias Ross, who died in Troy January 2, 1874, was a prosperous merchant there, conducting his leather store at No. 355 River Street and serving as a supervisor of Rensselaer County; he married Mary E. White, who died in Troy in 1881.

Their son, E. Ogden Ross, father of Colonel Ross, was born February 5, 1856, in Troy, studied at Troy Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, left college early because his father's death altered his circumstances, and was long active in the employ of the city, first with the city engineer, then with the comptroller. He was a member of many organizations of importance and was long active in the Presbyterian Church. E. Ogden Ross carried out all his many-sided activities effectively, and to his other achievements added authorship, especially in the field of history, one of his widely read works being his "History of the Governors of New York, from George Clinton to Grover Cleveland." Mr. Ross married, November 14, 1888, Jennie M. Neely, daughter of William Neely, a wholesale boot and shoe merchant of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Ross became the parents of two children: 1. William Neely Ross, born September 30, 1889, in Troy, took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Columbia University in 1911 and that of Bachelor of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary, New York, in 1914, was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry and called to be pastor of Chelsea Presbyterian Church, New York, and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1922 from Iowa University; he married, June 20, 1916, Catharine Louise Terry, daughter of Charles Appleton and Mary (Cady) Terry, the former of whom was vice-president of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, and to this marriage two sons were born: i. Charles Terry Ross, on July 4, 1917. ii. William Ogden Ross, on December 14, 1921. 2. Ogden J. Ross, of further mention.

Of these, Ogden J. Ross attended public schools in Troy, being graduated from high school there in 1910. He took a year of postgraduate work at high school, then had a year of newspaper work, and was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws in 1915 from Albany Law School, Union University. Becoming a law clerk, he was planning to take the bar examinations; but before the date set for them, he was called with his regiment to the Mexican border in 1916. Shortly afterward the United States entered the World War, in which he was also actively engaged. His military career began as early as 1910, when he enlisted in the 2d New York Infantry Regiment, which later became the 105th (or "Troy's Own") Regiment of the National Guard of New York. Starting as a private, he was commissioned second lieutenant in the 105th, which became a unit in the 27th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, and was sent to France very early in the course of American participation in the war. In France, Mr. Ross was promoted to captain, and he served in most of his regiment's engagements and was twice wounded. He figured in engagements on the Hindenburg line, at Vierstraat Ridge, the Knoll, Guillemont Farm, Quennemont Farm, East Poperinghe line and the Dickebusch sector, and received a citation from the 27th Division headquarters, the Belgian Croix de Guerre and the Conspicuous Service Cross. He was in several hospitals in France, as well as at Tottenham Court Hospital and St. Catherine's Hospital in England. Returning to the United States, he reached Troy on April 2, 1919, and became a captain in Company A, 105th Regiment, known as the Troy Citizens' Corps. Afterward he became commanding officer of the 105th Infantry. He has served on the military staffs of Governors Alfred E. Smith, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Herbert H. Lehman, beginning in 1922 and continuing down to the time of writing.

In November, 1919, the fall of the year of his return from foreign military service, Mr. Ross was elected city treasurer of Troy. In 1921 he was reëlected to that same office. At the expiration of his second term, he became associated with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, which he served for fourteen years, from 1924 to 1938, as a special agent in the office of the vice-president and general manager. His many public and private duties became so pressing as time went on that Colonel Ross abandoned utterly his plan of practicing law, giving his whole attention to his many other interests.

In 1932 he was elected as State Senator from Rensselaer County, and in 1934 he was reëlected to this same position. In 1938 Colonel Ross was a delegate to the State constitutional convention. On May 3, 1939, Governor Lehman nominated him to succeed John J. Merrill, of Alfred, whose term as tax commissioner had expired. His nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Senate, and he was inducted into office May 17, 1939. The other members of the commission are Mark Graves (*q. v.*), president, and John P. Hennessey, of Syracuse. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Ross has served as chairman of the State Flood Control Commission since its creation in 1936, and he has been a member of the Rensselaer County Child Welfare Board since 1930. Colonel Ross is also a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, the Troy Club and Troy Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church.

Ogden J. Ross married, February 17, 1920, in Troy, New York, Elizabeth W. Cheney, of Troy, daughter of Frederick A. and Bess (Wotkyns) Cheney. Mrs. Ross, who is a graduate of the Emma Willard School and a member of the Emma Willard Alumni Association, is widely known for her charitable and benevolent activities and for her work on the women's board of Samaritan Hospital and the Troy Orphan Asylum. Mr. and Mrs. Ross became the parents of two children: Ogden C. and Cynthia Ross.

CLINTON SHULER COLE—Engaged in the practice of law in Amsterdam, Clinton Shuler Cole is one of his city's leading residents. He has added to his professional activities a number of civic, social and business affiliations, all of which have been contributive to the general welfare of the community.

Mr. Cole was born December 11, 1904, in Hagaman, New York, son of Shuler and Elizabeth (Sanders)

Cole. His father, born in 1868, in Amsterdam, was associated as a mechanic with the L. E. Harrower & Sons Mills here for forty-one years until his retirement. The mother, born at Galway, Saratoga County, New York, is widely known and loved in this region of New York State.

Public schools at Hagaman provided Clinton Shuler Cole's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1923 from Amsterdam High School. For one year he was employed by the Adirondack Power & Light Company, in Amsterdam. Then, attending Hope College, at Holland, Michigan, he was graduated in 1928 as a Bachelor of Arts, after which he had a year of postgraduate work in history and English at Harvard. He then studied for three years at Albany Law School, where he received, in 1932, the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1935 he was admitted to the bar, and since that time he has been active in the practice of his profession in this city. His practice is a general one covering all branches of the law, and Mr. Cole is a highly esteemed member of the Montgomery County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

At the same time he has concerned himself with business, political and community affairs. He is a leader in several industrial organizations, being secretary and treasurer of the Bennett Chemical Company, of Hagaman; vice-president of the Amsterdam Venetian Blind Company; and secretary of the Saratoga White Cap Vichy Company, Inc. Politically Mr. Cole is a Republican. He belongs to the Kappa Eta Nu fraternity, the Lions' Club, the Antlers Country Club, the Amsterdam Fish and Game Club and Amsterdam Lodge, No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs also to Calvary Reformed Church. In spare time he enjoys golf.

HARLAN B. HAYS—All of the business career of Harlan B. Hays has been associated with one of the oldest insurance firms in Amsterdam, New York.

Mr. Hays was born in Amsterdam, November 8, 1890, son of James A. and Nettie C. (Van Denburgh) Hays, his mother being a native of Munsonville, Fulton County, New York. His father was born in Mayfield, Fulton County, New York.

Educated in the Amsterdam High School, Mr. Hays was graduated from Phillips-Exeter Academy in 1911 and Amherst College in 1915.

Aside from business, which after all is his major activity, Mr. Hays is keenly interested in community affairs. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He attends the Presbyterian Church. His recreations include boating, fishing and golf, which latter he plays as a member of the Antlers Country Club.

Mr. Hays has a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Mr. Fisher, and is the mother of a daughter, Carolyn Fisher.

PATRICK J. FITZGIBBONS, M. D.—One of the interesting features of the early professional career of Patrick J. Fitzgibbons, M. D., of Amsterdam, was the completion of his medical training just prior to the entrance of the United States in the World War. He volunteered his services to the army; was assigned to the Medical Corps, and spent ten months overseas as a part of the American Expeditionary Forces. From one point of view, Dr. Fitzgibbons lost a very valuable year from his life. From another standpoint, his army service was one of the most valuable contributions to his knowledge and experience, such a one as could not have come from ordinary private practice.

Dr. Fitzgibbons was born in Amsterdam, New York, February 5, 1892, son of Michael and Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Fitzgibbons. His mother was a native of Watertown, New York, born in 1854, who died in August, 1917. His father, born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1848 and came to the United States in 1870, lived to May, 1929. Dr. Fitzgibbons was graduated from St. Mary's Institute, Amsterdam, in 1910. He went to the Tufts Medical College, Boston, Massachusetts, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1917. He then was an interne in the Metropolitan Hospital, New York City, for a year.

As already indicated, Dr. Fitzgibbons went from his interneship into the Medical Corps, United States Army, and went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, where he served in Base Hospital, No. 208, for the larger part of a year. He was commissioned a first lieutenant, the rank he held until honorably discharged in June, 1919. Later in that year he inaugurated general practice of his profession in Amsterdam, which has since been continued effectively. He has been commissioner of public health since his appointment, January 1, 1930, and is a member of the Montgomery County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is a Past Post and County Commander of the American Legion, Post No. 39. Fraternally, Dr. Fitzgibbons is affiliated with Lodge No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with the Knights of Columbus. He is a trustee of Guy Park Manor, and worships in the faith of the Catholic Church, St. Mary's. If he has what might be called a hobby, it is "growing" things, whether as an agriculturalist or horticulturalist.

On April 3, 1917, Dr. Patrick J. Fitzgibbons married Mary Porath, daughter of Albert and Wilhelmina

(Falk) Porath. Dr. and Mrs. Fitzgibbons are the parents of a son, Francis P., born December 2, 1920, now a student at Siena College, Loudonville, New York.

PAUL FROMER—Engaged in the practice of law and in real estate and insurance work in the Catskill-Tannersville district, Paul Fromer is known throughout Greene County as one of the leading men here.

Mr. Fromer was born April 30, 1897, in Tannersville, New York, son of John and Mary Kilmer (Payne) Fromer. His father is engaged in agricultural pursuits. The mother, who was born in Windham, died in 1937.

Tannersville schools provided Paul Fromer's early formal education, and he became a student at the Law School of New York University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1919. Admitted to the New Jersey bar, he practiced for two years in that State, then, in 1921, returned to Tannersville to take over the real estate and insurance business of Jacob Fromer. He took the New York State bar examinations and was admitted to the bar in this State in that same year. Since 1921 he has conducted a general practice of law in Tannersville, along with his real estate and insurance work.

He has also rendered valuable service to the community. In 1924 he became town clerk, so serving until 1928. In 1936 he was elected to the General Assembly from Greene County, so continuing until 1939, when he resigned from the Assembly to accept nomination as county judge and surrogate and judge of the Children's Court. He was elected to this post, taking office January 1, 1940, and at the time of writing is effectively and usefully serving the people here in his judicial capacity. He is a Republican and a member of the Board of Education. During the World War Mr. Fromer was in the United States Army from July, 1917, to August, 1919, as a member of the 4th Division. He now belongs to the American Legion, in which he is a past commander of Bunt-Brewer Post, No. 165, as well as of the Greene County organization. In the Veterans of Foreign Wars he is affiliated with Sergeant James F. McCarthy Post, No. 1545. He belongs to the Catskill Rotary Club, is a trustee of the Methodist Church, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is a member of Mount Tabor Lodge, Mount Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Roundout Commandery, Knights Templar, and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In leisure time Mr. Fromer enjoys the out-of-doors, particularly such sports as hunting and fishing.

On June 2, 1923, Paul Fromer married Adelaide D. Molter, of Plainfield, New Jersey. They have three children: Paul Fromer, Jr., Frederick Fromer and John Jacob Fromer.

EDWIN A. HAM—At the turn of the century, Edwin A. Ham entered the lumber business at Hunter, Greene County, through the purchase of an established lumber yard. The development of this enterprise by the expansion of the original business and the addition of new lines during the past four decades has made it the leading commercial concern in the village.

Mr. Ham is a son of Peter and Mary E. (McDonnell) Ham and a descendant of families established in Columbia and Dutchess counties before the Revolutionary War. His father, a farmer, was born at Clermont, Columbia County, but spent most of his life in Dutchess County. His mother was a native of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Both parents are now deceased.

Educated in the district schools of Dutchess County, Edwin A. Ham also attended Wilbraham Academy in Massachusetts, for one year and as a young man farmed with his father in Dutchess County until about 1885. At this time he moved to North Dakota, where he spent the following ten years. Upon his return to New York in 1899 he settled in Hunter and at that time purchased the lumber business of George W. Anderson. Through close application and good judgment he succeeded in building up a very extensive business, handling all types of builder's supplies, feeds and paints as well as lumber. With its development the Ham enterprise became the leading business concern of Hunter. Although its active operation is now in the hands of Mr. Ham's son, the builder of the business continues as its principal owner.

Mr. Ham has always taken a leading part in local civic affairs and has given generously of his time in public office. He has completed twenty-five years as a member of the Hunter Board of Education and on numerous occasions has served on the village board. In politics he has always been a Republican. Mr. Ham is also active fraternally. For fifty-four years he has been affiliated with the Masonic Order, which he originally joined as a member of Dover Plains Lodge, No. 666, in Dutchess County. Since 1900, however, he has been a member of Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 807. He is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Windham and the Council of Royal and Select Masters at Catskill. Mr. Ham attends the Presbyterian Church.

He married, on June 9, 1897, Blanche Chase, of Jewett Heights, Greene County, daughter of George Chase, former member of the New York State Assembly. Mr. and Mrs. Ham are the parents of two children: 1. George Richard, a graduate of Wilbraham Academy. After the completion of his education he came into the Hunter business with his father and has been its active head for several years. He is a member and Past Master of Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 807, Free and Accepted Masons, and a

Harry W. Jenner

member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Windham and the Council of Royal and Select Masters at Catskill. George R. Ham married Marian McCambridge, of Ticonderoga, New York, and they are the parents of one son, John M., now five years old. 2. Helen G., a graduate of Hunter schools and of Russell Sage College at Troy. She taught school for three years and is now living at home in Hunter.

HARRY A. JENNER—For many years recognized as one of Johnstown's leading citizens, Harry A. Jenner served for eight years as mayor of the city and led in a constructive way in the furtherance of the interests and welfare of the people here. He is today a member of the Johnstown City Planning Board, one of the directors of the Cross-Patrie Realty Corporation of this city, and president of the newly-formed "Bundles for Britain" movement.

Mr. Jenner was born in England in March, 1859, son of Harry and Elizabeth (Hambridge) Jenner. The father came to the United States in 1864, bringing his family with him and settling in Broadalbin, Fulton County, New York, and resuming the work in which he had been engaged in England, that of glove cutter. Through the years of his active career he continued in this occupation. In 1872 he removed to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where he remained until his death in 1892. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hambridge) Jenner, the mother, died in 1910.

Under the guidance of his parents Harry A. Jenner received an early training that proved invaluable in all his later career—an education that inculcated in him high principles of thinking and living. Five years of age when he came to America, he studied in the schools of Broadalbin, New York, and Toronto, Ontario, and in Toronto learned the glove cutter's trade under his father's direction. Serving his apprenticeship under his father, he returned to Fulton County, New York, in 1882, at the age of twenty-three years, to engage in the craft that he had so painstakingly learned. Becoming a cutter with the Northrup Glove Manufacturing Company, in Johnstown, he applied himself diligently to his new duties, not alone to the immediate task at hand, but to the whole theory and practice of glovemaking. Mastering both the production and commercial sides of the business, he steadily rose in the organization until in 1890 he was made a foreman in the plant. Just twenty-one years later, in 1911, he became one of the firm's proprietors. In company with James A. Northrup and Albert Rosenthal, he purchased the business from James L. Northrup. Then, on January 28, 1922, James A. Northrup died, whereupon Messrs. Jenner and Rosenthal purchased his share of the business. With Mr. Jenner as senior member and Mr. Rosenthal as junior member of the firm, the enterprise encountered a period of broadening prosperity and success—an improvement for which, it is generally accepted by his associates, Mr. Jenner deserves large credit. The company came to be known throughout the United States and in Europe as makers of the finest mocha gloves, and, in fact, is said by many to have introduced this kind of glove into this country. Gloves of cape, chamois and kid are also among the firm's products, and are brought to the attention of the market through a well-ordered staff of sales representatives. In the years since the inception of the Northrup company, in 1869, it has grown steadily, until it now employs 150 people all year around. Mr. Jenner has in recent years withdrawn from this glove company, though it continues under wise policies agreed to by him and Mr. Rosenthal at the time when he left the firm.

His years of retirement from this enterprise have given Mr. Jenner greater opportunity for service along civic lines than he had enjoyed previously. It was but natural that a man of his proven abilities should be "drafted" for service as mayor of Johnstown when his fellow-citizens discovered that he had time to devote to such an office. The first mayor elected here for a four-year term, he served for two terms, beginning January 1, 1930, and continuing until January 1, 1938. He had served as a trustee of Johnstown for two years when it was still a village. Under Mayor Knox he was chairman of the Board of Excise. He is president of the Johnstown Public Library and is the oldest living man in the Johnstown Rotary Club at the time of writing. Not only is he a director of the Cross-Patrie Realty Corporation here, but also serves on the boards of the Johnstown Community Hotel and the Johnstown Savings & Loan Association. On the city planning board and as president of "Bundles for Britain," to which office he was appointed in 1940, he has rendered further valuable service. In a variety of ways he has served Johnstown and this district of New York State, notably through his interest in good roads when macadam was in its early days. Politically a Republican, he belongs to the Colonial Club and the Protestant Episcopal Church. During the World War, Mr. Jenner served on different boards and committees active in war work, particularly in connection with the Liberty Loan.

Harry A. Jenner married, December 11, 1884, Sarah Adeline Clark, daughter of Charles L. and Cynthia (Soule) Clark. Her father was a native of Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, a veteran of the Civil War and the Mexican War, held the rank of lieutenant in Civil War days, was for years deputy sheriff of Fulton County, and died in 1906. Mrs. Jenner's mother was born in Broadalbin, New York, and she died in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Jenner became the parents of two children: 1. Lewis Clark Jenner, born in March, 1889, died in the influenza epidemic of 1918, on October 18 of that year; he married Marvette Sanders, of Johnstown, and they were the parents of four children: i. Harry Sanders Jenner, who has one son, Harry Sanders Jenner, Jr. ii. Marvette Jenner. iii. Richard Jenner, who has two children, Sally and Richard Jenner. iv. Robert Jenner, who has two children, Robert Jenner, Jr., and David Jenner. 2. Anna Jenner, born in October, 1890.

In intervals of leisure, when not engaged with one or another of his many activities, Harry A. Jenner is fond of the quieter recreations, particularly of reading, to which he devotes a great deal of time.

EDGAR W. SNELL—As a member of the New York State bar, Edgar W. Snell has distinguished himself in the life of Schenectady and its environs, and here he takes a lively part in the affairs of his community and its people and institutions.

Mr. Snell was born April 23, 1899, in Schenectady, New York, son of William W. and Rose (Crook) Snell. His father, born in 1873 at Braman's Corner, Schenectady County, is engaged in the printing business as a job printer, owning and operating the Snell Press, in Schenectady, since the turn of the century. The mother, born in 1874 in Schenectady, is widely known in this vicinity.

Public schools of Schenectady provided Edgar W. Snell's early formal education, and after graduation from high school here, in 1917, he became a student at Union College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921. He then went to the Law School of Harvard University for two years, and spent one year at Albany Law School, where he was graduated in 1925 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted in November of that year to the New York State bar, he has since carried on his professional practice in Schenectady. Counted among the leading members of his profession, he has offices at No. 126 Barrett Street, and is a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Snell has effectively served his contemporaries in a variety of ways. He is a Republican in politics. From 1926 to 1938 he was a justice of the peace in Schenectady. He belongs to the Mohawk Golf Club, the Kiwanis Club, St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, and Niskayuna Post, No. 1092, of the American Legion. He is a member of the First Dutch Reformed Church. During the World War he was with the field artillery forces at Camp Zachary Taylor, at Louisville, Kentucky, until he was honorably discharged from the service December 16, 1918. He also belongs to the Delta Chi fraternity. In leisure time he particularly enjoys golf, and does a great deal of traveling when opportunity permits.

On June 25, 1927, Edgar W. Snell married Ella Cook, of Schoharie, New York, daughter of Thomas E. and Isabelle (Williamson) Cook. Four children were born of this marriage: 1. Dorothy Patricia Snell, on March 17, 1928. 2. Edgar W. Snell, Jr., on November 20, 1929. 3. Rosella Snell, born January 21, 1933. 4. Gladys Marian Snell, born November 1, 1935.

NEIL OLCOTT SHELDON—For many years engaged in business in Vermont, his native State, Neil Olcott Sheldon came, in 1925, to Schenectady, where he now conducts a wholesale and retail business in feed, flour, fuels, fertilizers and farm supplies under his own name.

Mr. Sheldon was born June 1, 1896, in Rupert, Vermont, son of Fred A. and Elizabeth (Olcott) Sheldon. His father, born October 22, 1854, in Rupert, Vermont, was for fifty years postmaster there, as well as for twenty-five years town clerk and treasurer. He was engaged in business as a general merchant in Rupert, and served also as local manager of the Granville Telephone Company. He is now living in retirement in Schenectady. The mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Olcott) Sheldon, was born December 22, 1857, in Lee Center, New York, and died March 14, 1940.

Neil Olcott Sheldon was formally educated in public schools at Rupert; high school at Granville, New York, where he was graduated in 1914; and Dartmouth College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1918. Then came a period of World War service, in the course of which he was on detached duty as chief clerk of the examining board set up in Bennington County, Vermont, in connection with the Selective Service Draft Act. He was honorably discharged December 31, 1918. Purchasing the general store that his father had owned in Rupert, he proceeded to carry forward this enterprise, which dated back to 1875. In 1925 he sold it and removed to Schenectady.

Here he bought the feed, flour, fuel and fertilizer business, as well as the general farm supply business, previously owned by the W. E. Berning estate. Changing the style of the business to his own name, Neil Olcott Sheldon continues this work today, conducting both a wholesale and retail business, at No. 202 Front Street, Schenectady. The firm employs thirteen people. Mr. Sheldon is also president of the Shel-Ter Supply Company, jobbers of "Flintkote" roofings and sidings. He likewise conducts a branch store at South Schenectady under the name of the Schenectady Grange League Federation Store.

Along with his business activities, Mr. Sheldon is active in politics and civic affairs. He is a Republican in partisan alignment, a member of the Rotary Club and one of its past presidents, a past president and a present director of the Schubert Club, and a leading fraternalist. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Sheldon is affiliated with Morning Flower Lodge, No. 71, at Pallet, Vermont, the Council of Royal and Select Masters at Schenectady, and other Schenectady Masonic groups. He belongs to Union Presbyterian Church and is a member of its board of trustees. He is active also in Schenectady Post, No. 21, of the American Legion. In spare time Mr. Sheldon enjoys music as his favorite hobby.

Neil Olcott Sheldon married, August 28, 1922, Lena Flower Smith, of Northampton, Massachusetts, daughter of Osro L. and Sybil (Flower) Smith. Two sons were born to this marriage: 1. Frederick David Sheldon, born October 17, 1923. 2. Roger Hastings Sheldon, born March 10, 1927. Both children are students in the Schenectady schools.

JAMES HERBERT LINK—Since 1929, James Herbert Link has served as manager of the service department of the American Locomotive Company in Schenectady. He has spent virtually his entire career with the company.

Mr. Link was born at Ghent, Columbia County, on May 25, 1884, son of Peter Harder Link, a farmer, born at Ghent in 1855, died in 1913, and Emma (Ostrander) Link, who was born at Stottsville, Columbia County, in 1861, and is also now deceased.

After attending the rural schools of Columbia County and the high school in Chatham, James Herbert Link completed a course at Spencer's Business College, Kingston, New York, following which he entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He spent one year with this line in New York City and another six months with the Pennsylvania Railroad and then started with the American Locomotive Company on July 1, 1903. He was first employed as a stenographer in the New York City office of the company. In 1904 he was transferred to the Montreal office and continued there until 1909 as cost clerk and chief clerk. Returning to the New York City office in the latter year as chief clerk in the general manufacturing department, he was subsequently promoted to serve as assistant to the vice-president in charge of manufacturing and later was assistant to the vice-president in charge of manufacturing and sales. In 1929 he was transferred from New York City to Schenectady, as manager of the service department of the American Locomotive Company in this city. He has since devoted himself to the work of this department, of which he is in active charge.

As a resident of Schenectady, Mr. Link has also established his position in the city's general life. He has served as director and member of the executive committee of the Schenectady Community Chest and at the present time is a director of the Research Bureau of Schenectady, the local Young Men's Christian Association, the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce, and the Mohawk Club. He is also a member of the Army Ordnance Association, the New York Railroad and Machinery Club and the Masonic Order, in the latter of which he is affiliated with Huguenot Lodge, No. 46, Free and Accepted Masons, at New Rochelle, New York. Mr. Link is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Schenectady. His principal leisure interest is his farm at Staatsburg, Dutchess County, which he has owned and operated for some years. The house on this farm is of historical interest, having been built by John DeWitt in 1773. John DeWitt was a leader during the Revolutionary War and captain in the army, sheriff of Dutchess County and member of the committee which drafted the New York State Constitution.

On May 30, 1907, James Herbert Link married Sarah Ann Gillis, of Prince Edward Island, Canada, daughter of John and Christine (McLeod) Gillis. They are the parents of three children: 1. Emma Isabelle, born March 17, 1908, a graduate of Intermont College at Bristol, Virginia, and of the Packer Commercial College in New York City. 2. Gordon Peter, born April 28, 1913. He was educated at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and married Elva Bobst, of Schenectady. They have one daughter, Ann. 3. John Herbert, born September 2, 1914, a graduate in architecture of Cornell University.

FRANK P. CALLAHAN—During the eighteen years he has spent with the General Electric Company, Frank P. Callahan has served the organization in many capacities and is now in the commercial general department in charge of association relationships. He is also active in the general life of the Schenectady community.

Mr. Callahan was born at Hoosick Falls, New York, on March 26, 1905, son of Patrick H. and Emma (Gerow) Callahan. His father, a machinist, was born at Pownal, Vermont, in 1866 and died in July, 1928. His mother, born at Salem, New York, in 1874, is still living.

Frank P. Callahan was educated at St. Mary's Parochial School at Hoosick Falls and at Troy College, from which he was graduated in 1922. In the same year he entered the employ of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, a connection he has since continued without interruption. After working in various departments he was transferred to his present position in the commercial general department, where he is in full charge of all association relationships. He has participated in the activities of the principal Schenectady business associations, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he was elected president for the 1940 term. He is also past president of the Schenectady Amateur Sports Association. Sports have long been his hobby, and in earlier years he played hockey and basketball actively. In addition to his post in the Schenectady Amateur Sports Association he is national chairman of the industrial committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America, and chairman of the national sports committee of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Callahan is a Republican in politics and a member of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Schenectady. He is unmarried.

JOSEPH F. LA BELLE—Engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Schenectady, Joseph F. La Belle is recognized as a leading figure along these lines, and has performed a valuable work as president of the Schenectady Real Estate Board.

Mr. La Belle was born September 14, 1898, in Troy, New York, son of Samuel and Margaret (Conroy) La Belle. His father and mother are both natives of Troy.

Joseph F. La Belle attended St. Joseph's Academy, in Troy, and early began the active labors of his career. For three and one-half years he was associated with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady. Then he was connected, between 1927 and 1935, as a salesman, with E. J. Ryon & Sons, real estate and insurance dealers in Schenectady. In 1935 he established his own real estate and insurance firm under his own name, and he has operated it down to the time of writing, handling a general line of insurance and taking a foremost part in real estate transactions in his city and district. He was elected president of the Schenectady Real Estate Board in 1940, and is a member of the New York State Society of Real Estate Appraisers, the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the New York State Association of Realtors.

Politically Mr. La Belle is a staunch Democrat. He belongs to the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church.

On August 3, 1920, Joseph F. La Belle married Hazel G. Murphy, of Schenectady, daughter of William and Margaret (Butler) Murphy. One child, J. Robert La Belle, was born of this marriage on December 29, 1924.

RT. REV. MSGR. JOHN LIGUORI REILLY—For more than fifty-five years the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John L. Reilly has served as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Schenectady. The development of this parish, of which he has been in charge during the greater part of its history, has taken place under his leadership, which has long been an effective force in the Catholic life of the area. Monsignor Reilly has also been active in civic affairs, holding various offices of public responsibility and trust.

He was born at Albany on May 25, 1853, son of John Reilly, an Albany merchant, and Rose (O'Neill) Reilly. Both his parents were born in Ireland, the father in County Cavan, the mother in County Leitrim, and both came to this country in early life.

Msgr. Reilly was educated at Christian Brothers' Academy in Albany and at Niagara University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1872 and the degree of Master of Arts in 1881. After completing his theological studies, he was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church at St. Joseph's Provincial Seminary, Troy, by Archbishop Williams of Boston in 1876, and during that year had a summer charge in the Adirondacks. In the fall he became assistant priest at St. John the Evangelist Church in Syracuse, remained there approximately six months and in 1877 became assistant priest at the Cathedral in Albany. In 1881 he was appointed secretary and chancellor of the Albany Diocese; in 1882 was assigned as pastor of St. James's Church, Cazenovia, New York, and after three years there returned to his earlier duties as secretary and chancellor of the Albany Diocese, 1885-86. On January 21, 1886, he came to Schenectady as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where he has since served.

This parish was established in October, 1845, and the Rev. P. McCloskey was appointed first pastor. The present church was built in 1904 under the direction of Msgr. Reilly, who was responsible for selecting the site for the church on Union Street near Nott Terrace and supervised the erection of the church edifice. The church was dedicated February 14, 1904, by the Rt. Rev. T. M. A. Burke, Bishop of Albany, and attending the services were sixty-four priests, who were entertained at a special dinner and musical festival. His pastorate has been marked not only by the physical development of the parish but by abundant spiritual vitality, manifested in the vigor of all church activities and the flourishing condition of the parish societies. Father Reilly has been made rural dean and in 1904 was created a Domestic Prelate, carrying with it the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by the Pope, in recognition of his zealous service in the church. In 1906 he received from Niagara University the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

During his long residence in Schenectady, Msgr. Reilly has also taken an enlightened and active interest in civic affairs. He has held offices in connection with the Ingersoll Home, the Schenectady Public Library, and Ellis Hospital, and is still a member of Ellis Hospital Board.

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John Liguori Reilly
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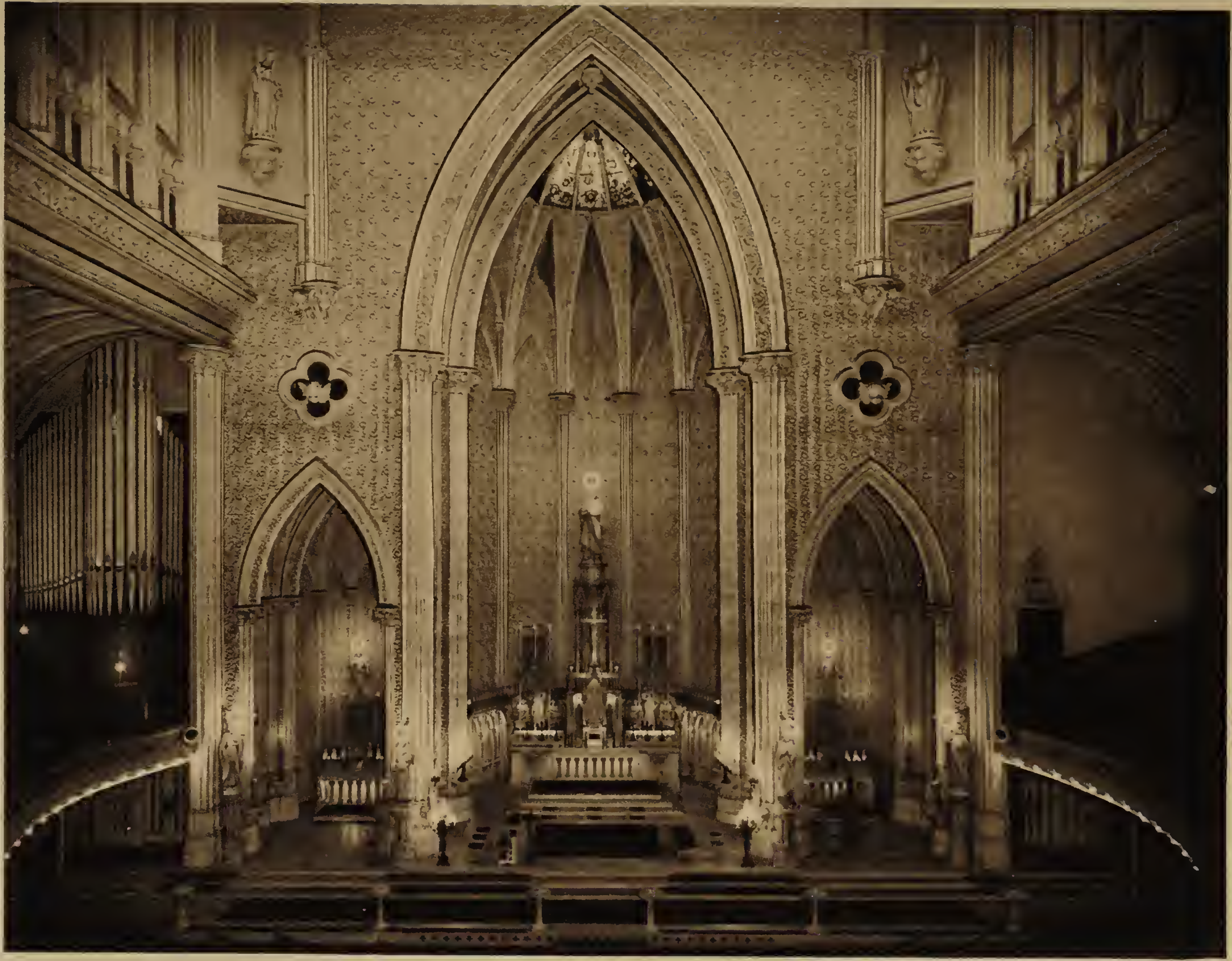

Interior View of St. John Evangelist's Catholic Church
Schenectady, N.Y.

He is a member and past president of the Schenectady Rotary Club; serves as chaplain of the Schenectady police and fire departments; and at the present time acts as a member of the Schenectady park board, the board of visitors of Albion State Training School, and the board of managers of the Schenectady Hospital Association. His influence and activities have thus benefited not only the Catholic population of Schenectady, but the entire city.

ABRAM V. LOUER—Years of association with the Schenectady Railway Company have eminently fitted Abram V. Louer for his present service as trustee of the organization's property.

Mr. Louer was born May 9, 1885, on a farm in Albany County, New York, son of Martin E. and Elsie (Van Auken) Louer. His father, born in 1852 in Albany County, died in 1893, was a railroad engineer. The mother, born in 1859 in the same county, still makes her home there.

Albany Academy provided Abram V. Louer's early formal education, and after he completed his studies there he became associated with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, where he remained for about three years. In 1904 he entered the engineering department of the Schenectady Railway Company, remaining so engaged until, in 1912, he became associated with the United Traction Company, in Albany. After eight years in that connection, Mr. Louer served as general manager of the Hudson Valley Railway Company property at Glens Falls from 1920 to 1928. He then returned to the United Traction Company, in Albany, as general superintendent of transportation, so continuing until 1930. It was in that year that he came once more to the Schenectady Railway Company as general manager, though later in the same year he was appointed receiver of the company. He became trustee on March 31, 1938, and has so served down to the time of writing.

Taking a lively interest in Schenectady affairs, Mr. Louer is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Mohawk Club and the Mohawk Golf Club, and at one period was a member of the boards of directors of all these groups simultaneously. Politically he has maintained an independent course. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Louer belongs to Mead Lodge, No. 862, St. George's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and other groups. He is a member of the Reformed Church. In spare time he is fond of the out-of-doors, and enjoys all kinds of healthful outdoor sport and recreation.

On September 23, 1908, Abram V. Louer married Sallie Kellum, of Schenectady, daughter of George W. and Sarah (Bord) Kellum. They have one son, Robert K. Louer, who was born August 7, 1917.

WILLIAM SEWARD McDONALD—Operating what is said to be the oldest jewelry business in the Schenectady district, William Seward McDonald is head of the firm of Clark & McDonald, of this city.

Mr. McDonald was born in June, 1855, in Otego, Otsego County, New York, son of the Rev. William C. and Catherine (Seward) McDonald. His father, born in Oneonta, New York, was a Methodist minister for many years until his death. The mother, who is also deceased, was born in Schenevus, Otsego County.

New York State schools provided William Seward McDonald's early formal education, and between the ages of twelve and sixteen years he worked on a farm. He then bound himself out for four years as an apprentice to learn the jeweler's and watchmaker's trade, at the conclusion of which period he was duly employed by James Sanders' Sons, in Schenectady. The Sanders firm was an old one, established here in 1829 by Charles Sanders and continued by members of the family until December, 1910, when Mr. McDonald and his partner, William C. Clark, purchased it. They reorganized it as Clark & McDonald, so continuing it together until Mr. Clark's death on July 17, 1937. Since that time Mr. McDonald has operated the firm single-handed under the old firm name of Clark & McDonald. The store has consistently been situated in State Street, at No. 215, and the enterprise is said to be probably the oldest of its kind in this part of New York State, having been in operation continuously for more than a century.

Mr. McDonald is highly esteemed by his contemporaries here, not alone for his achievement as head of this business, but for his many-sided participation in community affairs. He belongs to St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, in Schenectady, and in the Masonic Order is affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Troy. He has been active in Rotary Club affairs since 1919. He is a member of the First Methodist Church, and has been aligned with this denomination since 1883. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors and the beauties of nature, recording many of its glories through the medium of photography, of which he is extraordinarily fond.

William Seward McDonald married Mary Chamberlain, of Delhi, Delaware County, New York, who is now deceased. They became the parents of two sons: 1. William G. McDonald, who is also deceased; he was for years head accountant with the American Locomotive Company, in Schenectady, and was so serving at the time of his death. 2. Nelson O. McDonald. William Seward McDonald married (second) Mary Seligman, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of George and Cornelia (Quackenbush) Seligman. She died in November, 1939.

CHARLES WARD BROWN—In the practice of law Charles Ward Brown has performed a valuable work in Schenectady, and he has contributed notably to civic and social welfare here.

Mr. Brown was born June 21, 1904, in Shortsville, New York, son of Louis Leicester and Jennie (Higgins) Brown. His father, a native of Shortsville, was for years secretary and treasurer of the Patten & Brown Company, Inc., electrical and mechanical engineers, of New York City, but is now retired from his active endeavors. The mother was born in Palmyra, New York.

Charles Ward Brown attended public schools in Brooklyn, New York, and was graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in June, 1923. He became a student at the Albany Law School, there taking his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1927. Admitted to the bar in 1928, he started his practice in the law department of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, where he remained for two years. He was then connected, from 1929 to 1936, with the law offices of Richmond D. Moot, of this city. Since March 1, 1936, Charles Ward Brown has effectively and successfully carried on his own private and independent practice of his profession, though he is associated with Oswald D. Heck, who was Speaker of the Assembly of New York State, and with Archibald C. Wemple. Mr. Brown's practice is of a general nature, covering all branches of the law.

He is also active in the Schenectady County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. A Republican in politics, he is active in party affairs. He was a delegate to State conventions of his party in 1934, 1936 and 1938. In 1937 and 1938 Mr. Brown acted as counsel to Oswald D. Heck during Mr. Heck's service as Speaker, and he also acted as special counsel to Senator Joseph R. Hanley, president *pro tem.* of the New York State Senate and Oswald D. Heck, Speaker of the New York State Assembly, in 1939 and 1940. In 1936, and again in 1939, Mr. Brown was made a delegate to the conventions of his judicial district. Fraternally he is active in Lodge No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is also a member of the Mohawk Club. He enjoys curling, and is a member of the Schenectady Curling Club. Swimming and sailing are other favorite sports of Mr. Brown. He is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

MAJOR ISAAC D. VAN METER—Widely known for his achievement in military affairs, Major Isaac D. Van Meter is commanding officer of the General Army Reserve Depot at Schenectady.

Major Van Meter was born May 25, 1878, in Parsons, Kansas, son of Dr. Benjamin R. and Frances Lee (Mullen) Van Meter. His father, born in Tuscola, Illinois, was for years a practicing physician and surgeon at Parsons, Kansas, until his death. The mother was born at Dayton, Ohio, and was at one time a teacher. She is now also deceased.

In public and high schools at Parsons, Kansas, Isaac D. Van Meter received his early formal education, and he was first employed in geological survey work in the old Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in 1897 and 1898. His entry into military life came at the time of the Spanish-American War, in which he served in the Philippines under General Frederick Funston. He was there through the Philippine Insurrection, then returned to peace-time pursuits by starting a general mercantile business in Parsons, his Kansas birthplace. He was there associated with his brother, William J. Van Meter, in the firm of Van Meter Brothers until 1918. Then, reëntering the United States Army at San Antonio, Texas, as a first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, Mr. Van Meter remained in the service continuously thereafter. From 1918 to 1921 he was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, the home of Fort Sam Houston, and from 1921 to 1929 he was at Kelly Field as post quartermaster. Until 1932 he was post quartermaster at Nicholas Field, Manila, Philippine Islands. From 1932 to 1935 he was stationed at Madison Barracks, Sacketts Harbor, New York, in the Quartermaster Department. Finally, in October, 1935, he came to Schenectady as commanding officer of the General United States Army Reserve Depot here. He has held this post down to the time of writing, and in this capacity has rendered valuable service to the army organization.

His rise in the service has been a notable one. After serving as a lieutenant, he became a captain in 1933. Then, in July, 1940, he was promoted to the major's rank. Major Van Meter also takes a lively interest in Schenectady affairs, being a member of the Schenectady Rotary Club, of which he was vice-president in 1940. He is a life member of Lodge No. 527, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Parsons, Kansas. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On December 2, 1902, Major Isaac D. Van Meter married Ella Sutherland, of Saybrook, Ohio. They became the parents of two children: 1. Donald S. Van Meter, born December 10, 1904, in Parsons, Kansas. 2. Margaret Van Meter, wife of Dail Moore, of Cincinnati, Ohio, associated at the time of writing with the General Electric Company at their plant in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

ARLEN T. ST. LOUIS—Arlen T. St. Louis carries on a general practice of law in Schenectady.

Mr. St. Louis was born April 26, 1895, in Eaton, Indiana, son of William and Nellie (Thompson) St. Louis. His father, born at Black River, New York, was for

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years a stone mason until his death. The mother, who is also deceased, was a native of Garden Hill, Ontario, Canada.

Public schools in Schenectady provided Arlen T. St. Louis' early formal education, and after graduation from high school here in 1915 he became a student at the Albany Law School, there taking his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1918. Admitted to the bar of New York State in July, 1919, he began his professional practice in that year, and continued his activities along these lines thereafter. He served his clerkship with Hon. Frank Cooper, who at the time of writing is a United States District Judge, and remained with Judge Cooper for a year after his admittance to the bar. For about two years Mr. St. Louis was a partner with John Austin in the firm of Austin and St. Louis. Then for seven years he was a partner of M. P. Poersch in the firm of Poersch and St. Louis. Since that time he has carried on an independent practice under his own name.

His practice is of a general nature, and Mr. St. Louis is a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association. He also takes a lively interest in public affairs. A member of the Republican party, Mr. St. Louis became first assistant corporation counsel of the city of Schenectady in 1934, serving in that capacity under William D. Smith and later under Thomas W. Wallace. On January 1, 1938, came Mr. St. Louis' own elevation to the post of corporation counsel of the city. Afterward, at the beginning of 1939 and in 1940, he was twice reappointed to this position, in which he has served down to the time of writing.

Interesting himself in fraternal activities, Mr. St. Louis belongs to Charles W. Meade Lodge, No. 862, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with all Scottish Rite bodies and holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry. He is also an initiate in Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Troy. He belongs to the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, which he joined at Union College, and is a member of Trinity Methodist Church. In leisure time Mr. St. Louis is fond of hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreations.

In June, 1925, Arlen T. St. Louis married Bernice Covey, of Albany, New York, daughter of Charles A. and Latie (Lucas) Covey. The following are the children of this marriage: 1. Avis St. Louis. 2. Arlen T. St. Louis, Jr. 3. Keith St. Louis.

THE REV. JEREMIAH J. MORLEY—As pastor of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Schenectady, the Rev. Jeremiah J. Morley heads one of the oldest Catholic parishes in the Capital Region. He has devoted his entire active career to the priesthood, in which he has now served for more than a quarter of a century.

Father Morley was born in Glens Falls on February 19, 1890, son of Denis and Catherine (Mulcahy) Morley, both of Irish birth. His father, a native of County Cork, came to the United States as a boy and died in 1928. The mother died in 1898.

Jeremiah J. Morley completed his preliminary education at St. Mary's Academy in Glens Falls in 1906, spent two years at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and six years at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York, where he prepared for the priesthood. He was ordained by the Most Rev. Thomas M. A. Burke, bishop of Albany, on June 6, 1914, and was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Church, South Troy, New York, where he served six years. During this term, which covered the period of American participation in the World War, he was in the army as a chaplain for one year and spent nine months overseas, first with the 36th Division and later at Base Hospital, No. 87, and with the 16th Infantry, 1st Division. After he received his discharge from the army, he returned to St. Joseph's Church in South Troy and remained there until June 4, 1921, when he was appointed pastor of St. James' Church at Fort Plain. In this charge he served until December 13, 1930, when he was transferred to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Paul the Apostle, at Woodlawn, Schenectady. Here he rounded out a pastorate of almost nine years. It was terminated when he came to his present charge on June 24, 1939.

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, of which he has since been pastor, was established in Schenectady over a century ago, and the present church building is more than a hundred years old. The first priest to minister to the church was the Rev. Charles Smith, who came from St. Mary's Church in Albany, and the first resident pastor was the Rev. John Kelly. During the intervening years the parish has grown steadily and now consists of approximately six hundred families. As pastor, Father Morley continues the tradition established by the many capable and zealous priests who preceded him.

He is also active in other phases of the city's life. A member of Schenectady Post, No. 21, of the American Legion, he has served for some time as county chaplain of the Legion and at the present time acts as chaplain for the public institutions of the county of Schenectady. He is affiliated, in addition, with the Knights of Columbus at Fort Plain. He is interested in civic affairs and the general welfare of the community, and has made his influence effective in promoting these ends beyond the limits of his own church and parish.

McDONALD KING—Engaged in the practice of law in Schenectady, McDonald King is one of his native city's leading citizens.

Mr. King was born April 2, 1901, in Schenectady, New York, son of Louis M. and Rebecca (Davidson) King, both natives of this State, the father of Canajoharie and the mother of Schenectady. Louis M. King, who was a lawyer by profession, was admitted to the bar in 1890, and practiced in Schenectady until his death on March 30, 1926. He at one time served as city clerk.

McDonald King attended public schools in Schenectady, was graduated from high school in 1917, and took his degree of Bachelor of Arts from Union College in 1921 and that of Bachelor of Laws from Albany Law School in 1924. Admitted to the bar in 1924, he at once took up his professional practice in Schenectady, where he has carried forward his general legal work down to the time of writing. He is a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

At one time he served as assistant corporation counsel of the city of Schenectady, and he also was at one time attorney for the town of Rotterdam. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with St. George's Lodge, No. 6, and St. George's Chapter, No. 157, Royal Arch Masons. Each of the organizations and activities with which Mr. King is connected has in some way benefited from his labors in its behalf, and he is respected and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

HAROLD ARMSTRONG—The law, politics and banking have occupied the major attention of Harold Armstrong, of Schenectady, who as a member of the New York State Legislature represents the Second Assembly District of this city.

Mr. Armstrong was born August 19, 1904, in Schenectady, New York, son of Burnham and Ruth (La Rouche) Armstrong, both natives of Syracuse, New York. His father was for many years connected with the General Electric Company until his retirement, and is widely known in Schenectady.

Harold Armstrong attended public schools in Schenectady and the town of Rotterdam, and in Rotterdam was graduated from Draper High School. He then went to the Albany Law School, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1932. Almost immediately his interest in public affairs led him to become active in politics and community life, and for six years he served on the Board of Education of Draper High School. He was, for four years, a justice of the peace of the town of Rotterdam. In 1933 he was elected to the State Legislature to represent the Second Assembly District of Schenectady, and afterward was reëlected six consecutive times, serving continuously down to the time of writing.

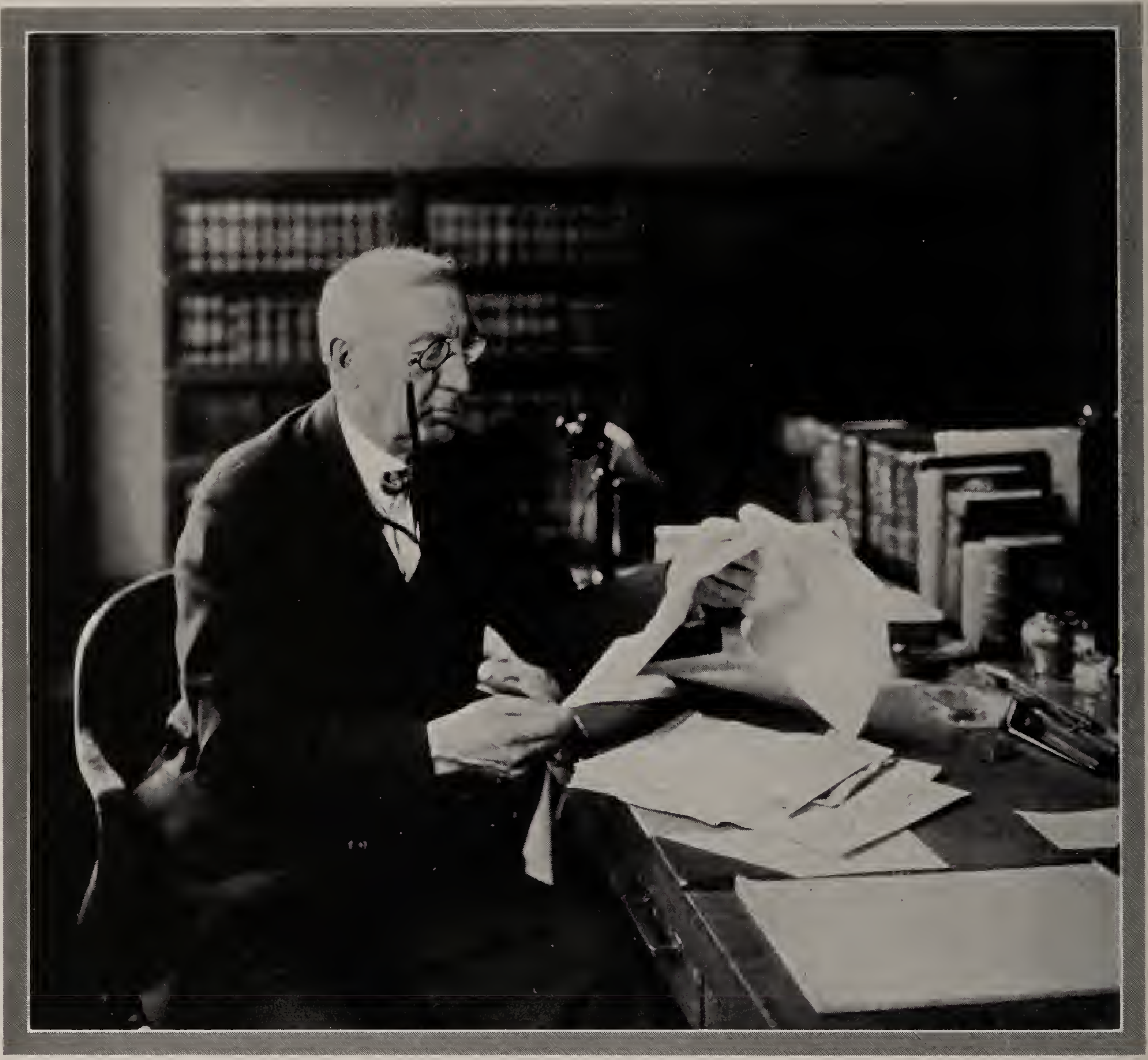
Since 1936 Mr. Armstrong has been a member of the board of directors of the Schenectady Savings & Loan Association. In 1939 he was admitted to the New York State bar, and since that time he has practiced law, in addition to his other activities. He is a member of the law firm of Fairlee and Armstrong and a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association. Politically Mr. Armstrong is a Republican. He is active in Beaukendaal Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and holds the thirty-second degree in Albany Sovereign Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he is affiliated with Lodge No. 480, and he is a member of Reliance Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In spare time he likes aquatic sports, especially swimming. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

On December 25, 1932, Harold Armstrong married Gladys Mary Lowe, of Schenectady, daughter of Samuel and Helen (Taylor) Lowe.

ARTHUR S. GOLDEN—An active member of the Schenectady bar for more than thirty-five years, Arthur S. Golden continues the practice which he launched early in the century in this city and has since carried on. He is well known in his profession and in Schenectady's general life.

Mr. Golden was born at Rensselaerville, Albany County, on October 20, 1879, son of Mark S. and Elizabeth (Colborne) Golden. His father, who was also born in Rensselaerville, was a merchant there until his death in 1916. His mother, born in Schenectady, is still living.

Arthur S. Golden was graduated from Albany High School in 1897 and afterward entered Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1901. Preparing for the bar privately, he read law with Everett Smith and John D. Miller at Schenectady and was admitted to practice in 1904, after which he opened offices in this city. Mr. Golden served as assistant district attorney of Schenectady County for nine years and as county attorney for eight years. His private practice, which is extensive, reflects his professional standing and includes, among other interests, his duties as attorney for the Schenectady Trust Company. Aside from his responsibilities in the county attorney's and district attorney's offices, Mr. Golden has served as Commissioner of Public Safety for the city of Schenectady. He is a director of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce; a member of Charles W. Mead Lodge, No. 862, Free and Accepted Masons, and all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Valley of Albany Consistory; and a member of



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Oriental Temple of the Shrine, the Grotto and the National League of Masonic Clubs. Mr. Golden is also a member of the Mohawk Club and the Mohawk Golf Club of Schenectady. He is a Republican in politics and belongs to the First Presbyterian Church in this city. Fishing and golf are his favorite recreations.

OSWALD D. HECK—Since he began the practice of law at Schenectady in 1928, Oswald D. Heck has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. As Speaker of the New York Assembly, in which he has now served seven consecutive terms, he is Republican leader in the Lower House and one of the most influential party members in the State.

Mr. Heck was born in Schenectady on February 13, 1902, son of Oswald E. and Magdalene (Wurster) Heck. His parents, both of whom were born in Baden, Germany, came to the United States in early life. His father, a printer, is now president and owner of the Schenectady Herald Printing Company.

Oswald D. Heck was educated in the public schools of Schenectady and at Union College, where he was graduated in 1924. Subsequently he spent one year at Albany Law School, continuing the study of law privately until 1928, when he was admitted to the bar. During the following three years he was associated in practice with the Schenectady law firm of Wemple, Peters and Wemple, after which he opened his own offices, which he has since maintained. In the same year, 1931, he was first elected to the State Assembly and has since been consecutively reëlected, gaining in influence through the character of his service which has brought him to party leadership. Mr. Heck was majority leader of the Assembly in 1936. He was elected Speaker in 1937 and 1938 and following the enactment of the constitutional amendment lengthening the Assembly term to two years, he was reëlected Speaker for 1939-40, the first Speaker of the Assembly to be chosen for the two-year term.

While Mr. Heck is best known throughout the State at large for his legislative service and political interests, he has remained an active member of the Schenectady bar. He is a member of the bar associations and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of St. George's Lodge; all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including Albany Consistory; and Oriental Temple of the Shrine in Troy. Mr. Heck is also a member of the Mohawk Club, the Fort Orange Club in Albany and the Reformed Evangelical Church. Reading and swimming are his principal recreations.

In 1939, in recognition of his notable public career, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities from Union College.

Mr. Heck married, on July 18, 1933, Beulah W. Slocum, of Schenectady, daughter of A. C. and Frances (Warne) Slocum.

CORTLAND A. WILBER—Since 1929 Cortland A. Wilber has served as director of the Income Tax Bureau of the State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Mr. Wilber was born July 26, 1863, in Smyrna, New York, son of Charles C. and Lavina (Chapman) Wilber, both natives of Smyrna. His father was a stock dealer, and, a Republican in politics, served as tax assessor of his community.

Public schools of Chenango County provided Cortland A. Wilber's early formal education, and in 1885 he was graduated from the Clinton Liberal Institute. Studying law under the direction of George P. Pudney, at Smyrna, Mr. Wilber was admitted to the New York State bar in June, 1889, and in that same year started the practice of law at Binghamton. There he remained until May, 1929, practicing in association with two different law partners, Harry A. Yeater and Harry C. Walker. Mr. Walker also became prominent in politics, serving as Lieutenant-Governor from 1918 to 1920. Mr. Wilber's career as director of the Income Tax Bureau began in 1929, and down to the present time he has continued in this position.

Among his other activities, he has served as president of the board of education of Binghamton, having held that office for two years while living there, and from 1911 to 1913 he was corporation counsel of the city of Binghamton. For two terms he also served as commissioner of public safety there, first in 1919 and later in 1926. He is a Democrat in his political alignment, and has at all times taken a lively part in the affairs of his party. He is also a director of the American Business Credit Company. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Automobile Club. His religious affiliation is with the Universalist Church. In leisure time he enjoys trout fishing as a hobby.

Mr. Wilber married, in 1888, at Sherberne, New York, Helen Lamb, who was a daughter of Truxton Lamb, a member of the New York State Assembly. She became the mother of three children: David L., Dana, and Helen. Mrs. Wilber died in 1899. In 1925 Mr. Wilber married (second), at Binghamton, New York, Lila G. Tombs, daughter of Herbert Tombs.

HAROLD ANTHONY ROOT—Turning from his business career in Schenectady to the sphere of municipal service, Harold Anthony Root has devoted himself since 1939 to the duties of his present position as director of finance of the city of Schenectady.

He was born at Green Island, New York, on June 7, 1905, son of Amos and Alma (Luschen) Root. His father, who was born at East Galloway, New York, and was for many years a railroad engineer on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, is a retired machinist, formerly employed by the General Electric Company at Schenectady. His mother, who is also living, was born in Albany.

Harold Anthony Root was educated in the public schools of Schenectady, completed the high school course in 1923 and subsequently entered Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927. Following his graduation he entered the Philadelphia plant of the General Electric Company, spent a year and a half there and then returned to the Schenectady Works of the General Electric Company, where he was employed in the accounting department. During this period he attended the business training school of the company and continued in its service until December 18, 1939. Meanwhile, in 1936, Mr. Root had been appointed to serve a six-year term on the Municipal Civil Service Commission at Schenectady. In December, 1939, he was appointed acting director of finance of the city and resigned his position with the General Electric Company in order to accept this appointment. As such he has large responsibilities in the conduct of the municipal government.

Mr. Root has remained in close touch with Union College affairs and is now a member of the graduate council of the college. He is also a member of the Union College Alumni Association, the Lions Club of Schenectady and Union Presbyterian Church in this city. In politics he is a Republican.

On October 19, 1928, he married Elizabeth Andrews Preston, of Schenectady.

CARROLL A. ("PINK") GARDNER—Entering public life after an earlier career in sports and business, Carroll A. Gardner has served as sheriff of Schenectady County and since 1936 as county clerk. His election to these offices on the Democratic ticket reversed a long tradition of Republican success in filling them.

Mr. Gardner was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, on August 20, 1894, son of Charles N. and Margaret M. (Altz) Gardner. His father, who was born at Chatham, New York, in 1867, and died on November 6, 1926, was engaged in the monument business at Schenectady for many years. His mother, born at Croton-on-Hudson, New York, in 1869, died on March 23, 1929.

Carroll A. Gardner spent the greater part of his boyhood in Schenectady, where he was educated in the public schools. After his graduation from high school in 1913, he became interested in wrestling, a sport in which he first engaged as an amateur in 1911. For a number of years he wrestled in amateur matches, then entered the professional field, in which he gradually won his way to the top in his weight class.. In 1923 he held the middleweight title and in 1932 won the light heavyweight title. After twenty-five years on the mat, he retired in 1936, having compiled a record which made his name known to sports fans throughout the country. Meanwhile, in 1918, Mr. Gardner had joined his father in the retail monument business established at Schenectady in 1900. After his father's death in 1926, he continued it under the name of Charles N. Gardner & Sons and still retains this interest. The business, which is located at Nos. 918-20 State Street, supplies cut stones for all monumental purposes.

In 1930, with his election as sheriff of Schenectady County, Mr. Gardner began another phase of his career which has kept him in public life during the greater part of the past decade. He was the first Democratic sheriff of the county to hold office in sixty-five years, serving until 1934. In 1936 his personal popularity in the county was again demonstrated when he was elected county clerk for a three-year term, over-riding for the second time a series of Republican successes extending back for more than sixty years. In 1939 he was reëlected county clerk and is now serving his second three-year term.

Mr. Gardner is not only popular with the electorate which he serves but influential in his own party, having actively supported the Democratic campaigns in this county for many years. He is affiliated fraternally with New Hope Lodge, No. 730, Free and Accepted Masons, and the various higher York Rite bodies of the Order, including the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery, Knights Templar, and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Albany. He is also affiliated with Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Woodmen of the World and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In addition to these connections he is a member of the Lower Mohawk Club and State Street Presbyterian Church in this city. His principal hobby is the health club and reducing salon at Nos. 918-20 State Street, of which he is owner and operator.

On July 20, 1932, Carroll A. Gardner married Eleanor P. Lunn, of Schenectady, daughter of George R. Lunn, present Public Service Commissioner of the State of New York and former Lieutenant-Governor, and Mabel (Healy) Lunn. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are the parents of three children: Carroll A., Jr., born April 17, 1933; Eleanor P., born February 8, 1934; and George Richard Lunn, born May 23, 1937.

HORACE SILLIMAN VAN VOAST, JR.—Operating an insurance business under the name of the Van Voast Agency, Inc., Horace Silliman Van Voast, Jr., as president of this enterprise, is one of Schenectady's leading business men.

Mr. Van Voast was born February 8, 1901, in Schenectady, New York, son of Horace Silliman and Mary Wakeman (Salter) Van Voast and a descendant of the Van Voast, or Van Vorst, family who came from The Netherlands to America in 1639. The American progenitor of this family was Cornelas Van Vost, who settled in New Amsterdam, as New York was then called. The father, Horace Silliman Van Voast, Sr., who was also engaged in the insurance business, at one time working with an uncle, Horace B. Silliman, in Cohoes, New York, was born September 23, 1869, at Niskayuna, Schenectady County, New York, and died May 7, 1933. He served in 1902 and 1903, and again in 1908 and 1909, as mayor of Schenectady, and was county treasurer from 1922 to 1926. He was an active Republican.

Horace Silliman Van Voast, Jr., received his early education in public schools in Schenectady, was graduated from high school in 1920 and took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Union College in 1924. He became associated at once with his father, H. S. Van Voast, Sr., in the insurance business, which was then being operated under the name of Van Voast & Leonard. In 1927, when the father became seriously ill, the younger Mr. Van Voast assumed full charge of the business, which was finally incorporated in 1937 with Mr. Van Voast as president. He continues this work down to the time of writing, the firm now being known simply as the Van Voast Agency, Inc., with offices at No. 158 Barrett Street, Schenectady. The enterprise was established in 1896 by the elder Mr. Van Voast, and its present head has shown himself to be a capable successor to his father in this connection.

Quite aside from his labors along these lines, Horace Silliman Van Voast, Jr., is owner of Schermerhorn & Company, a general insurance firm, also of Schenectady. The Schermerhorn agency was established in 1868 under the same name as that under which it now operates, and Mr. Van Voast purchased it in 1936. He is also president of Van Voast Estates, Inc., a real estate development incorporated in this city in 1940.

In civic and social matters Mr. Van Voast has taken a deep interest. He is a Republican in politics. He is president of the Capital District Branch of the Holland Society of New York, vice-president for the Schenectady County Parent Society, and holds membership in the Sons of the American Revolution through J. Van Vorst, who served as a wagonmaster in the War of the American Revolution. Mr. Van Voast is also active in the Rotary Club, the Mohawk Club and the Psi Upsilon fraternity, and is affiliated with Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons (of which he is a Past Master), the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. During the World War he served for twenty-seven months in the United States Navy, and he now holds a major's commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the army. He worships in the Unitarian faith.

Horace Silliman Van Voast, Jr., married, June 24, 1925, Mary Louise Redington, of Waverly, New York, daughter of George F. and Fannie (Wilcox) Redington. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Mary Jane Van Voast, born May 10, 1926. 2. Horace Silliman Van Voast, 3d, born April 22, 1927.

LEONARD MARSDEN GARDNER—Widely known and respected in Albany, Leonard Marsden Gardner occupies a position of leadership in the legal profession here.

Mr. Gardner was born April 1, 1900, in Newport, Tennessee, son of George W. and Jessie E. (Foote) Gardner. His father, born at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, now deceased, was for years a newspaper editor.

After completing his preliminary schooling, Leonard Marsden Gardner became a student at Lincoln Memorial University, and in 1922 was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws from the Law School of Georgetown University. In 1927 he became a Master of Laws at New York University. Meanwhile, between 1922 and 1925, he had special courses at the University of Rome, Italy. As early as 1919 Mr. Gardner was making his own way in the world as a stenographer and typist, working with the Department of State, in Washington, District of Columbia. So continuing until 1922, he then served, from that year until 1925, as disbursing officer of the American Embassy, in Rome. In the period between 1925 and 1927 he was attorney and title examiner in the law department of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, in New York City, and in 1928 and 1929 he served the New York Title & Mortgage Company in a similar capacity.

In 1929 Mr. Gardner became field civil service examiner with the United States Civil Service Commission, in New York City. In the same year he became associated with the law firm of Butcher, Tanner and Foster, and later he was with the firm known as Tanner, Sillcocks and Friend, in New York, until June, 1937, specializing as trial counsel. Next Mr. Gardner became counsel to the Insurance Department of the State of New York, and since June, 1937, in addition to being counsel to the insurance department, he has acted as special assistant attorney-general in important insurance litigation.

Throughout his career Mr. Gardner has had broad professional affiliations. He was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in 1922, and in 1926 was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. He became a member of the New York State bar in 1927. He is a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association, and the American Society of International Law. In 1937 he served as a member of the committee on revision of New York State insurance laws. He is also active in the American Bar Association. When not occupied with his official duties or his professional work, Mr. Gardner has devoted considerable time to traveling, having visited Italy, Greece, Turkey, North Africa, France, Germany, Belgium, England, Egypt, India and other parts of the world. In July, 1927, his ship was wrecked off the coast of India. Mr. Gardner is a Democrat in his political views, and is a director of the New York Young Democratic Club of New York City. He is a member of the Silverbrook Golf and Country Club, the Lions' Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Methodist Church. During the World War period, in 1918, he was in the United States Army. His scholarly tendencies have caused him to be an avid reader, and at all times he has shown a fondness for the out-of-doors, playing a great deal of golf.

On September 9, 1939, in New York City, Leonard Marsden Gardner married Alice E. Anderson, born in Titusville, New Jersey, daughter of George and Dorothy (West) Anderson, both natives of New Jersey, the father of Titusville and the mother of Trenton. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have a son, George William, who was born on July 22, 1940.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY—Dating back to Civil War days, St. Joseph's Academy occupies an interesting place in Catholic education in Schenectady. Its present principal is the Rev. Leo B. Schmidt.

The school was first housed in a one-story wooden building on the eastern side of South Center Street, between Franklin and Liberty streets, where it began its history in two tiny rooms in 1862 with an enrolment of twenty to thirty pupils. The Rev. Oderich Vogt, O. M. C., the first pastor of St. Joseph's Church, directed it then, and two Franciscan nuns did the teaching for six years. In 1868 the church passed out of the hands of the Franciscans and was taken over by the secular clergy, whereupon the nuns were replaced by a lay teacher, a Mr. Raab, who handled the school until 1876. More commodious quarters were now needed for both church and school, and in that year, during the Rev. Dr. H. Cluever's pastorate, a two-story brick building with two large class rooms was erected on the eastern side of Lafayette Street. At his request, instruction was taken over by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, with headquarters at Troy, under the guidance of Mother Regina. The Sisters of this order have effectually carried on the work of teaching at St. Joseph's down to the time of writing, although many changes have come about and much progress has been made. Within eight years the new school proved too small, and the Rev. J. H. Wibbe, who had become pastor in 1883, directed the building of an addition, in 1884, between the convent and the school proper, on a spot where a playground had formerly been. Further enlargement was necessary before the turn of the century, and in 1899 the Rev. Bernard Schoppe, Father Wibbe's successor, purchased the ground on which the present school was erected. On August 20, 1903, the corner stone of the new school was blessed by the Right Rev. Thomas M. A. Burke, D. D., bishop of Albany. Additional teachers came, six class rooms were completely furnished, and the new building opened, after the Easter recess in 1905, with a total registration of more than three hundred pupils.

The faculty then began thinking of a possible high school department to match the other fine Catholic high schools in the diocese. In the summer of 1907 there came a new curate, the Rev. Joseph Henrich, whose zeal and ability as an educator promised to make this dream a reality. Early in 1908 application was made to the State Education Department for admission to the University of the State of New York. Many course conditions had to be met; but most difficult of all was the requirement that a high school department should register a required number of students. Nonetheless, Father Henrich met the requirement by combing the parish and obtaining enough students to make the start of what has since been known as St. Joseph's Academy. In May, 1909, a State inspection proved completely satisfactory, and the school was found to measure up to the highest standards of both intellect and equipment. On June 17 of that year a State charter was granted, and the academy was admitted as a junior academic school to the University of the State of New York.

Rapidly the institution rose to new heights when, on April 14, 1911, it was admitted as a senior academic school. On January 16, 1912, the State Department of Education registered St. Joseph's as an academy endowed with powers and privileges accorded such institutions as one governed by State laws or university ordinances. The first class of ten students was graduated in 1912. In 1936, figures given out showed that 594 students had been graduated from the academy in a quarter of a century, people who had become doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, engineers, business men and mechanics, as well as religious and political leaders. Six had become priests and four were nuns.

Through the years a splendid body of priests and nuns have had the educational program of St. Joseph's Academy in hand. The Rev. Leo B. Schmidt, referred to above, was assistant principal from 1918 to 1935, and

Leo B. Schmidt

since 1935 has been principal of the school and has done daily teaching work. He has given unstintingly of his time and abilities, performing his school labors over and above his priestly duties, which are, of necessity, very binding. Father Schmidt was born April 21, 1890, in Amsterdam, New York, son of Vincent and Ida (Lomnitz) Schmidt, both born in Germany. His father, a machinist, came to the United States about 1886, four years before Father Schmidt's birth. Father Schmidt's mother died September 16, 1928. Father Schmidt attended St. Joseph's School, in Amsterdam, and St. Mary's Institute there, where he was graduated in 1907. For eight years he studied at Niagara College and Seminary, being ordained June 2, 1917, by the Most Rev. Thomas S. Cusack, of Albany, and assigned to Lexington, New York, for the summer of that year. He was also chaplain for three weeks at St. Joseph's Seminary, in Troy, New York, and for eight months was assistant at St. Agnes' Church, in Cohoes, New York. Except for those brief assignments, he has been in Schenectady, whither he came on June 1, 1918, to be an assistant at St. Joseph's. He was appointed pastor on September 13, 1935, and so serves down to the time of writing, while carrying on his duties as principal of the academy.

Since 1934 some of Father Schmidt's duties have been taken over by his assistant, the Rev. Francis J. Buechler. He has been unselfishly assisted, too, by the Sisters of the convent—Mother Chrysantha, Mother Catherine, Mother Mechtilde, Mother Ida Marie, Mother Anna Christine, and Mother M. Isidore, the present Superior—behind whom stand the brave nuns who are happy only in doing God's work and in being unknown. Father Schmidt is especially interested, as a sort of educational hobby, in the development of dramatic talent among the academy's pupils, and he does everything in his power to encourage dramatic work through school plays.

JOHN HENRY COLLINS, M. D.—Long a leading physician of Schenectady, where he has practiced for more than four decades, Dr. John Henry Collins has a distinguished record of professional and public service extending back to the early years of the century.

He was born at Salem, New York, on June 30, 1868, son of Martin and Margaret (Howard) Collins, who were both born in County Claire, Ireland, and came to this country in early life. His father was a farmer in Salem.

Dr. Collins received his preliminary education there, graduating from Washington Academy, and subsequently entered the University of Vermont, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897. Until November of that year he acted as assistant to Dr. W. G. Flanders, surgeon-in-chief at Fanny Allen Hospital, Burlington, Vermont. Returning to New York late in 1897, he established his practice at Schenectady and has since devoted himself to its responsibilities. At intervals he has visited Europe for clinical observation and postgraduate study. Dr. Collins has never limited his professional interests and is active in general practice both as a physician and as a surgeon, with some specialization, however, in gynecology. He was formerly chief of staff at City Hospital, Schenectady, staff surgeon at Physicians' and Mercy hospitals, and physician to the Day Nursery and the Children's Home. He is now surgeon and gynecologist at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, and surgeon to Sunnyview Hospital. He has been profoundly interested in public health and child welfare. For eleven years he was commissioner of health at Schenectady and for five years was managing director of City Hospital. As a member of the State Health Committee he helped to draft the New York State Milk Code. Dr. Collins has also been a member of the White House National Conference on Child Health. He has served as a member of the Schenectady County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and for six years was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. In politics he is a Democrat and has been active in his party.

Dr. Collins is a member of the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society and Schenectady County Medical Society and is a Fellow of the American Public Health Association. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, Alpha Kappa Kappa, the Kiwanis Club and the Edison Country Club. He serves as director of the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital-School and is a member of Schenectady Council of the Boys Scouts of America. Dr. Collins is a member of St. John's Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Schenectady.

He married, on June 30, 1899, Mary Frances Toohey of Schuylerville, New York, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Mulvehil) Toohey. Dr. and Mrs. Collins are the parents of one son, John C., born June 25, 1900, a graduate of Union College and Harvard Law School and now a practicing attorney in Schenectady; he married Elizabeth Blessing of this city.

WILLIAM G. AVERY—An experienced banker, who has pursued his career in many parts of the world, William G. Avery is now president of the Morris Plan Industrial Bank in Schenectady. He has been associated with this institution since 1930 and has held his present office since 1932.

Mr. Avery was born at Shanklin, on the Isle of Wight, England, September 4, 1879, son of the Rev. George Avery, a clergyman of the Church of England, born at Portsmouth, England, in 1843, died on December 29, 1938, and of Rosa (Fenn) Avery, who was born at Newmarket, England, in 1854 and is still living. He was educated at Caterham College in Surrey, from which he was graduated in 1897, and began his initial connection with the banking business in England. After eight years he removed to Canada, where he spent eight years with Canadian banking institutions, followed by a period of approximately equal length in the United States, 1911-19. From 1919 to 1923, he was engaged in banking in China and the Philippines, returning at the end of that time to the United States, where he has since made his home. In 1930 he joined the Morris Plan Industrial Bank of Schenectady as executive vice-president and in 1932 assumed his present responsibilities as president, directing the operations of this institution during the past eight years.

Mr. Avery is a director of the Morris Plan Industrial Bank and is also a director of the Morgan Agency, an insurance organization at Schenectady, and the Western Gateway Broadcasting Corporation. He is a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and in addition to his business connections is a director of the Schenectady County Tuberculosis Association, a member of the Schenectady Rotary Club, the Mohawk Golf Club and Mohawk Club in this city, a life member of the Shanghai Club in Shanghai, China, and a member of the Army and Navy Club and Manila Polo Club, both at Manila, Philippine Islands. He is fond of golf and of curling, a sport in which he engages as a member of the Schenectady Curling Club. Mr. Avery is a Republican in politics and a member of the Episcopal Church.

He was married on October 30, 1916, to Isabel McClure of Brooklyn, New York, daughter of John S. McClure, and has one son by a former marriage, Throld Avery, born on May 9, 1908.

LEO U. MURRAY—For many years Leo U. Murray has been associated with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady, where he is now manager of the Graybar-Western Electric department of the organization.

Mr. Murray was born December 14, 1884, in Hillsboro, Ohio, son of John A. and Clara E. (Stotler) Murray. His father, a native of New Vienna, Ohio, born in 1859, is still engaged in farming operations in Ohio. The mother, born also in New Vienna, in 1864, died December 1, 1931.

Public schools in Hillsboro, his Ohio birthplace, provided Leo U. Murray's early formal education. He was graduated from the McDonald Educational Institute, in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to the bar of Ohio in 1910. Meanwhile, however, he had become interested in the ever-growing electrical industry. In 1904 he had his first connection in this industry, joining forces with the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company in that year. The Stanley company's home office was situated in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, although Mr. Murray was employed in their Cincinnati office. Later the Stanley organization was acquired by the General Electric Company, with which Mr. Murray remained associated and is still actively affiliated today. He was stationed in their offices in Indianapolis, Columbus and Cleveland, then came to Schenectady, to the general headquarters, in 1931. Here he is now manager of the Graybar-Western Electric department, and his contribution to the life of the company and to his industry is an outstanding one.

Aside from his work with the General Electric Company, Mr. Murray has figured prominently in general business and civic affairs. In 1939 and 1940 he served as president of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce. He has served as chairman of the Recreation Commission of the city of Schenectady and as vice-president of the Schenectady Young Men's Christian Association. In 1936 he was, for a year, commissioner of Boy Scouts in this district. He is a past president of the Mohawk Club. Politically he is a Republican. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Murray is associated with Christopher Yates Lodge, No. 971, Royal Arch Chapter; Albany Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On December 25, 1913, Leo U. Murray married Pearl Laymon, of New Vienna, Ohio, daughter of William and Emma (Johnson) Laymon. One son, Leo U. Murray, Jr., was born of this marriage February 8, 1918, and is now a student at Syracuse University.

CARROLL E. MEALEY—As State Commissioner of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Carroll E. Mealey has performed an important work in the life of New York State and has come to be widely and favorably known in Albany.

Mr. Mealey was born at Greenwich, New York, and there attended public schools and was graduated from high school. His father, John H. Mealey, a native of Washington County, this State, now deceased, was a merchant in Greenwich, a Democrat in politics and chairman of the county committee of his party, and mayor of Greenwich. He was also warden of the State Farm for Women, at Valatie, appointed by Governor Dix. The mother, Jane (Scully) Mealey, also now deceased, was also a native of Washington County.

After Carroll E. Mealey completed his high school training, he became a student at the Albany Law School in 1912, graduated in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and in 1917 was admitted to the practice of law.

He conducted a law office for a little more than a year at Brewster, Putnam County, then was appointed a deputy collector of internal revenue, with headquarters at Albany, so serving for four years. He left the Federal service in 1923 and entered the Transfer Tax Bureau of the Department of Taxation and Finance as an examiner, in which capacity he continued until April, 1926. He was then appointed an assistant deputy commissioner in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and later was promoted to the post of executive assistant to the commissioner. His appointment as deputy commissioner of the bureau was announced October 2, 1931. In November, 1938, he was made commissioner, and so continues down to the time of writing.

Particularly well equipped by temperament and training for this work, Mr. Mealey has brought to bear, in performance of his present duties, his great knowledge and experience of finance and of State and Federal taxation. He is a member of many Albany organizations of a civic and social character, including the University Club.

Carroll E. Mealey married Edith Sulzman, of Albany, New York, daughter of Joseph A. Sulzman. They became the parents of two sons: 1. Carroll J. Mealey, born March 28, 1930, in Albany. 2. John H. Mealey, born July 3, 1934, in Albany.

LOUIS H. FUESS—Louis H. Fuess, at present deputy commissioner of taxation and finance of the State of New York, came into the service of the State by way of county office. He is past treasurer of Madison County and at the present time heads the Commodities Tax Bureau of the State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Mr. Fuess was born in Madison on January 5, 1898, son of Louis and Elizabeth (Jenkins) Fuess. His father, who was of German birth, was a merchant at Madison for many years, village treasurer for a long period and supervisor of the town for a quarter of a century. The mother was born in Wales.

Louis H. Fuess was educated in the public schools of Madison and Hamilton and at Colgate University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921. Until his father's death in 1929, he was associated with him in business at Madison, gaining useful practical experience and continuing the local tradition of the family through his activity in public affairs. In 1929 he was elected treasurer of Madison County on the Democratic ticket and served in office until 1933. Following this he began his association with the State Department of Taxation and Finance. Appointed deputy commissioner, he was assigned to head the Beverage Tax Bureau and in 1938 was given broader responsibilities as director of the Commodities Tax Bureau, whose jurisdiction includes not only beverage taxes, but also motor fuel, cigarette and milk publicity taxes. This bureau has a personnel of about one hundred. Mr. Fuess retains his rank in the department as deputy commissioner.

During the World War, he served in the United States Army and since the war has been affiliated with the American Legion, being a member of Oneida Post. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Oneida and is a member of Woolferts Roost Country Club. Golf and gardening are his favorite recreations. Mr. Fuess is a Methodist in religious faith.

He married, on October 10, 1928, at Oneida, Mildred Murphy, daughter of Martin Murphy.

JAMES G. BLUNT—As assistant to the vice-president of the engineering department of the American Locomotive Company at Schenectady, James G. Blunt continues a professional career which has been largely devoted to the locomotive industry. He has spent more than thirty years in his present connection and is one of the best known engineers in his field.

Mr. Blunt was born at Cincinnatus, Cortland County, New York, on April 7, 1868, son of Ambrose and Elizabeth Janette (Lee) Blunt. His father, who was born at Bristol, Maine, in 1835 and died on December 1, 1889, was a school man all his life. A graduate of Wesleyan College at Middletown, Connecticut, he served at many educational institutions and for some years was superintendent of schools in Indiana. Elizabeth J. (Lee) Blunt, the mother, was born at Cincinnatus, New York, in 1839 and died on April 17, 1932. She was a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, now Mt. Holyoke College, and like her husband was a teacher for many years.

James G. Blunt was educated in the public schools of Goshen and Ligonier, Indiana, and after his graduation from Ligonier High School in 1887, entered the University of Michigan, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1894. For several years he was employed as an engineer in various industries, then became associated with the Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, New York. This enterprise subsequently became a subsidiary of the American Locomotive Company, and Mr. Blunt continued with the larger company. In 1906 he came to Schenectady as engineer of the drafting department of the American Locomotive Company and in 1916 was made mechanical engineer. In 1937 he assumed the responsibilities of chief mechanical engineer of the company, an office to which he brought the qualifications of long experience and a successful record. He has recently taken up new duties, approved March 1, 1941, and is now assistant to the vice-president of the engineering department.

During his residence in Schenectady, Mr. Blunt has been active in the general life of the city and now serves on the City Planning Commission. He is affiliated with Dunkirk Lodge, No. 767, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club and Mohawk Club. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. In addition to his connection with the American Locomotive Company, he is a director of the Citizens Trust Company and vice-president and trustee of the Schenectady Savings Bank, both of Schenectady. He has served a number of the civic institutions of the city and at the present time is a trustee of the Schenectady Museum and a director of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Blunt is a Republican in politics and finds his principal recreation in golf.

LEWIS ALBERT WILSON, D. Sc., LL. D.—Through his many contributions to the development of modern techniques of education and the expansion of its boundaries to include broad new spheres of instruction necessary in contemporary life, Lewis Albert Wilson has won a notable professional reputation. Much of his career has been spent in the service of the State Department of Education, in which he now has major administrative responsibilities as associate commissioner of education.

Dr. Wilson was born at Bergen, Genesee County, on February 3, 1886, son of John T. and Ella (Chapman) Wilson, both now deceased. His father, who was engaged in the implement business, was born at Brockport and was prominent in the life of that community, serving as trustee and mayor.

Lewis Albert Wilson was graduated from the State Normal School at Brockport in 1907 and from the Mechanics Institute at Rochester in 1910, supplementing this training by special courses at Stout Institute, Menominee, Wisconsin, and at Teachers College, Columbia University. He began his professional career in 1908 as a teacher in the Rochester Shop School, became its principal in 1909, and in 1911 was called to Albany as director of vocational education. In this field Dr. Wilson was a pioneer. In 1912 he was appointed to the State Department of Education and until 1915 served as specialist in industrial education and teacher training. During 1915-1916 he was director of the Industrial Education Survey conducted in behalf of the New York City schools, after which he returned to his earlier duties in the State Department of Education. In 1917 he was appointed director of the Division of Vocation and Extension Education in the State department. After ten years in this position, he was advanced to the office of assistant commissioner of education of the State of New York and in 1937 received his present appointment as associate commissioner of education of the State of New York. In this capacity he continues to exercise the important influence which has been his for many years in shaping the educational policies effectuated under the State Department of Education and supervising the general administration of the New York schools.

Dr. Wilson has many other professional responsibilities. He is a member of the advisory board of the Manhattan Trade School in New York City; a director of the Adult Education Council of New York; a member of the Committee on Education and Research of the New York State Conference of Mayors; a member of the general advisory committee of the National Occupational Conferences; a member of the board of advisers of the Vocational Service for Juniors in New York; member of the honorary board of the American Students Foundation; member of the general advisory committee of the Adjustment Service in New York; member of the New York State Commission for the study of educational problems of penal institutions for youth; and member of the legislative committee of the American Vocational Association. He was a member of the summer school faculty of Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1923 and 1924 and of Pennsylvania State College in 1927, and in 1925 was a delegate to the International Exposition of Decorative Arts, held in Paris.

Dr. Wilson is also a member of the American Association for Adult Education, of which he was vice-president in 1934; the New York Adult Education Council, of which he was vice-president in 1935; the National Society for Vocational Education, of which he was president in 1921-23; the National Education Association and its Department of Superintendence, in the latter of which he serves as a member of the Committee on Public Education and Public Welfare; the New York State Teachers' Association; and the Eastern Arts Association. He is affiliated with the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity. As a progressive educator whose vision and leadership are widely acknowledged in his profession, he has received many honors, including the honorary degree of Doctor of Science conferred upon him by Stout Institute in 1926 and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws conferred upon him by Alfred University in 1934.

Dr. Wilson's favorite hobbies are fishing and bridge.

He married, on December 25, 1911, at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, Luella E. Ellis, who was born in Newark, New York, daughter of George H. Ellis, an Englishman by birth, and Estelle (Parker) Ellis. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson have four children: Ruth Dana, now Mrs. Willis; Robert Ellis; John Lewis; and Lois Ann.

ARTHUR W. BRANDT—A professional engineer for more than a quarter of a century, Arthur W. Brandt has spent much of his career in the service of the State. At intervals since 1912 he has held public appointments of increasing responsibility and since 1939 has served as State Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. Brandt was born at Ontario, Wayne County, New York, on March 14, 1888, son of Dr. John S. Brandt, born February 15, 1856, died September 20, 1931, and Katherine (Mahar) Brandt, born at Macedon, New York, May 15, 1862, died March 27, 1934. He is a grandson of Dr. John W. Brandt, who was a practicing physician at Ontario for forty years, a profession also adopted by his father, who completed fifty-three years of service as an Ontario physician.

Arthur W. Brandt received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace. Completing the high school course in 1905, he subsequently entered Tufts College School of Engineering and was graduated as a civil engineer from that institution in 1912. During the following five years he was engaged in engineering work in various capacities on the canal and highway system of New York State. When the United States entered the World War, he enlisted in the army on May 8, 1917, training at Madison barracks and sailed for France in September, 1917, joining the 1st Combat Regiment of Engineers of the 1st Division. He remained with that regiment until the close of the war, spending eighteen months overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, during which he participated in many major engagements of the American armies, including the battles of St. Mihiel, Cantigny and Soissons and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. On April 3, 1919, he received his discharge from the army and resumed his professional career in civil life.

Since leaving the army, Mr. Brandt has served as secretary to the Second Deputy Highway Commissioner and as Second Deputy Highway Commissioner during Governor Smith's first administration, 1919-20, inclusive. In February, 1923, he was again appointed Second Deputy Highway Commissioner and on March 10, 1924, became Highway Commissioner, once more under Governor Smith. On March 30, 1939, he was appointed Superintendent of Public Works by Governor Lehman, an office for which he qualified by his long experience as a civil engineer and thorough familiarity with the engineering and construction work of the State.

Mr. Brandt is a member of the Society of Professional Engineers and the Schuyler Meadows Country Club. He has always been a Democrat in politics. Reading and golf are his favorite recreations.

On January 1, 1917, at Macedon, Wayne County, he married Adelaide F. Hawes, who was born at Macedon, August 2, 1892, daughter of Francis W. and Jane (McCormack) Hawes.

CLYDE L. BALL—Dividing his activities between his responsibilities as a teacher in the Berne public schools and the operation of the old family farm in this town, Clyde L. Ball has been successful in both phases of his career. He has been a leading figure in the life of Berne, with a long record of civic service.

Mr. Ball was born at Knox, Albany County, on May 14, 1888, son of Charles Eugene and Minnie B. (Onderdonk) Ball. His father, a farmer, was born at Berne on January 11, 1856. His mother was born near Saratoga on February 16, 1862. Educated in the public schools of Knox and at Altamont High School, Clyde L. Ball later took special courses at Middleburg High School, the New York State Teachers' College and Syracuse University. Meanwhile, after completing his high school course in 1907, he was appointed teacher in the district school of the town of Berne and while serving in this capacity, assisted his father, Charles E. Ball, on the old homestead in the town of Berne. This farm, consisting of ninety-nine acres, has been in the family for over 125 years. Mr. Ball lived on the farm from 1907 to 1911. From 1911 to 1920 he made his home in the village of Berne, but in the latter year he took over the full management of the family farm and has resided there ever since. He has continued as a teacher in the town of Berne since his first appointment to the district school in 1907, and in point of service is one of the senior teachers of this district.

Mr. Ball is a member of the National Education Association and the State Teachers' Association. In addition to his professional connections and farming interests he has been active in civic affairs and influential in Republican politics. For four years, from 1916 to 1920, he was town clerk of the town of Berne, and for twelve years, from 1925 to 1937, he was a justice of the peace in this district. He is affiliated fraternally with Berne Lodge, No. 684, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master and for fifteen years has been trustee. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Maccabees, in which he has been Record Keeper for twenty-one years and has the rank of Past Commander. Mr. Ball has made a hobby of his farming and of collecting coins. He is a Lutheran in religious faith and for more than twenty years has served as secretary and treasurer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Berne. He is also a past deacon of his church.

On June 1, 1911, at Knox, he married Alta M. Sholtes, who was born at Knox on May 12, 1891, daughter of Stanton Sholtes, also born at Knox, and Ida (Gibbs) Sholtes, born in the town of Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are the parents of two daughters: 1. Alberta, born at Berne on January 6, 1913, who married Raymond Wright of Berne and has three children: twin daughters, Jean and Janet, born on February 7, 1939, and Ruth Elaine, born May 1, 1937. 2. Gertrude M., born at Berne on October 13, 1916, wife of the Rev. Franklin Dietz, at present residing in Prattsville.

EMERY W. BURTON—During the greater part of his service in the State Government, which covers more than thirty years, Emery W. Burton has been associated with the Corporation Tax Bureau now included in the Department of Taxation and Finance under the State Tax Commission. He is at present deputy director of the bureau and head of the Albany office.

Mr. Burton was born in Albany on July 23, 1893, son of Henry E. Burton, born at Cohoes, and Adelia (Colby) Burton, both now deceased. Emery W. Burton was educated in the public schools of Albany and went from high school into the State Architect's office on December 20, 1909. Since that time, with the exception of the war years, he has remained in active service in the State Government. In 1910-11, Mr. Burton was employed under the State Printing Board. In 1911 he first entered the Corporation Tax Bureau and continued in the bureau when its activities were transferred to the State Tax Commission. Over a period of years he has risen gradually in the organization, serving in various positions, and on May 18, 1939, was appointed head of the Albany office of the Corporation Tax Bureau with the title of deputy director.

Mr. Burton, who is known as an experienced and efficient public official, also has to his credit a long record of military service. On January 21, 1913, he enlisted in the 2d New York Field Hospital, National Guard of New York, which later became the 106th Field Hospital, 27th Division. He was on duty with his regiment on the Mexican border in 1916, and when it was incorporated in the National Army in 1917 he went overseas with the troops of the 27th Division. He was in active service in France and Belgium in the following battles and engagements: Hindenburg Line, Jonc De Mer Ridge, Vierstraat Ridge, The Knoll, Gullemont Farm, St. Maurice River, East Poperhinge Line and Dickibusch Sector. While in France he was promoted to first sergeant and was honorably discharged with that rank on April 4, 1919. On May 19, 1921, Mr. Burton reënlisted in the 106th Hospital Company, 102d Medical Regiment, and was appointed staff sergeant. On January 30, 1922, he was discharged to accept a commission as first lieutenant M. A. C. in the same organization and on September 28, 1923, was promoted to the rank of captain, serving as regimental adjutant, 134th Medical Regiment. This commission he still holds. He has made a hobby of military service and is now one of the senior members of the National Guard of New York.

Mr. Burton is a member of Fort Orange Post, No. 30, American Legion, a member of the University Club of Albany, the Reciprocity Club and Temple Baptist Church. Golf is his favorite recreation.

On November 12, 1913, in Albany, he married Emma Klein, who was born in this city on April 21, 1892, daughter of Joseph C. and Barbara (Weber) Klein. Mr. and Mrs. Burton are the parents of two children: Emery W., born December 11, 1914, now second lieutenant in Company G, 134th Medical Regiment; and Jane T., born November 27, 1916.

FREDERICK E. BLEEZARDE—Connected with the "Ravena News-Herald" since shortly after the turn of the century, Frederick Elmer Bleezarde is now editor and publisher of this newspaper and president of the News-Herald Printing & Publishing Company, Inc. This paper is published every Friday. The same company also puts out three other papers in this area: the "Athens Herald," the "Cairo Herald" and the "Greenville Local."

Mr. Bleezarde, the head of this publishing enterprise, was born September 18, 1884, in New York City, son of Frederick Alma and Doretta (Butterfield) Bleezarde and member of an old and well-established family. His grandfather, on the paternal side of the house, settled on Staten Island, where the father was born. A tailor for many years, Frederick Alma Bleezarde is now deceased. The mother was born at Tarrytown, New York, and died in 1888, when Mr. Bleezarde was only four years of age.

A private school in New York City furnished Frederick E. Bleezarde's early education, and he attended Ravena High School and had courses with the International Correspondence Schools. Finding it necessary at an early age to begin the active work of his career, he learned the printing trade and the newspaper business under the tutorship of George W. Taft, who was at one time foreman of the University Press, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, but who left that institution to join with C. W. Hallock in publishing the "Greenburgh News" in Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, New York. It was in the Dobbs Ferry enterprise that Mr. Bleezarde received his major apprenticeship, beginning at a very early period in his career. It was on April 11, 1902, that he established himself in Ravena, whither he came to assist with the "Ravena News." He remained with the paper through the period of its consolidation with the "Coeymans Herald," and, with the exception of an occasional summer with the Chautauqua Press, at Chautauqua, in western New York State, has remained in Ravena down to the time of writing.

His ability became apparent in the early days of his apprenticeship in Dobbs Ferry, where, in the course of his three years there, he proved his capacity for issuing an exceptionally fine country weekly. In Ravena he has added to his distinguished record in newspaperdom with the passing of the years, doing much for the furtherance

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of his paper's interests and the welfare of his community. He has added notably to this paper's history, and his own career will perhaps be more understandable against the background of that history. The earliest paper which formed the background of the present "News-Herald" was the "Coeymans Herald," an outgrowth of the "Coeymans Gazette," founded in 1863 by Gilbert C. Vincent. The "Gazette" was merged in 1872 with the "Greenbush Gazette." The "Herald" succeeded the old "Coeymans Gazette" in 1873. It was founded by George Miller and Alfred A. Sherman, and its first issue appeared on March twentieth of that year. In 1876 G. R. Miller became sole owner of the "Herald." In 1878 S. H. and E. J. Sherman became its owners, issuing the paper as a four-page publication until 1907, when they installed a new modern press and increased the size to eight pages. In July, 1907, they sold the plant to E. L. Haight, publisher of the "Ravena News," who consolidated the two papers under the style of "News-Herald," the first issue of which was published July twelfth, that year.

For ten years the "Ravena News" was published in Ravena, the first issue appearing Thursday, September 9, 1897, with William Becker as editor and proprietor. Eugene Livermore succeeded him as editor a few years later. Then came Ernest L. Haight, who took the editorship September 7, 1901, and was the first editor of the combined Ravena-Coeymans paper in 1907. It was in 1919 that Mr. Bleezarde, who had already served the paper for many years, became managing editor, succeeding Mr. Haight, who had become superintendent of the Gardiner-Moffett Printing Company, at Highland, New York. At Mr. Haight's death, Mr. Bleezarde took over the editorship of the paper and the presidency of the News-Herald Printing & Publishing Company. Buying a linotype machine to replace the old-fashioned hand type of composition, he instituted many reforms as quickly as he was able to do so. Up to that time the correspondents who served the paper as news writers had done so without compensation, and Mr. Bleezarde now introduced an important reform—that of paying these correspondents for their products.

This same publising company publishes the "Athens Herald," which has appeared every Thursday since 1938; the "Cairo Herald," every Thursday since 1890; and the "Greenville Local," every Wednesday since 1932. The firm also does a sizable printing business. Members of the Bleezarde family also take part in the conduct of these papers, Mrs. Bleezarde serving as secretary of the publishing company, and their son, Warren Van Bergen Bleezarde, as vice-president. In addition to his work with these newspapers, Frederick Elmer Bleezarde is active in community affairs, serving as village treasurer of Ravena, to which office he has been thrice elected, and holding many other positions of standing in the community. Mr. Bleezarde is a member of the board of trade, which he has served as president. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 67, Fort Orange Council. From 1921 to 1927 he was a member of the Ravena Board of Education. He belongs to Russell Lodge, No. 850, Free and Accepted Masons, Ravena Grange, No. 1467, Patrons of Husbandry (of which he is a charter member and was long president and secretary), and Pulver Council, No. 19, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Bleezarde is librarian of the Tuesday Study Club, a member of the ministerial committee of the First Christian Church, and bass soloist and treasurer of the church choir. In addition to all his other undertakings, he is active in the real estate and insurance business, and breeds some fine poultry as a hobby. In leisure time he enjoys golf and bowling.

In Ravena, New York, June 29, 1908, Frederick Elmer Bleezarde married Gertrude R. Roberts, who was born in Ravena, March 21, 1890, daughter of Van Bergen and Emma (Shear) Roberts, both natives of New York State, the mother of Ravena. The children, all born in Ravena, are: 1. Warren Van Bergen Bleezarde, who is vice-president of the publishing company. 2. Elmer Butterfield Bleezarde. 3. Marion Portia Bleezarde. 4. George Edward Bleezarde, secretary of the corporation and editor of the "Athens Herald." 5. Ruth Ellen Bleezarde, now Mrs. Ruth Ellen (Bleezarde) Babcock.

THOMAS J. GUY—As president and owner of Guy Buick Company, Inc., Thomas J. Guy controls the sale and distribution of Buick motor cars in the Schenectady territory. Although his earlier career was devoted to the foundry industry, he has spent some seven years in the automobile business, five of them in Schenectady, where he is now one of the city's leading dealers.

Mr. Guy was born in New York City on January 1, 1907, one of four children of John and Mary (Ball) Guy. He has two brothers, John and Harold Guy, and a sister, Sarah Isabella. His father, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to the United States in early life, has spent many years in the foundry business, manufacturing brass, bronze and aluminum castings. He is now president of the Chelsea Brass Foundry Company in New York City. Mary (Ball) Guy, the mother, was also born in County Tyrone, Ireland.

Educated in the public schools of New York City, Thomas J. Guy attended Commerce High School and then learned the brass founder's and moulder's trade. For nine years he was associated with his father's business, then turned to other fields. For eight months subsequently he was an automobile salesman in New York City, following which he was appointed manager of the Bronx Buick Company and continued in that position for a year and a half. At the end of this time he came to Schenectady, where his activities have centered since 1935. Purchasing an interest in the Buick agency here, he became a partner in the DeWitt-Guy Buick Company, Inc. This association was continued until 1937, when Mr. Guy purchased his partner's interest and reorganized the company under the present name Guy Buick Company, Inc. He has since been president and owner of the company, which employs approximately fifty people. Mr. Guy's showroom and office are located at Nos. 1012-18 State Street, Schenectady. Since he has held the Buick agency in this territory, the sales figure for Buick motor cars has been substantially increased, evidence of his keenness in building up the business as well as the popularity of the automobile which he handles.

Mr. Guy is a member of the Schenectady Kiwanis Club and is affiliated with Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is fond of all outdoor sports, particularly baseball and golf which are his hobbies.

HENRY W. STEWART—Since 1921, when he first entered the insurance business, Henry W. Stewart has served as district agent in the Schenectady territory for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. Experienced in business and sales work, he has turned his energies to building up the large volume of insurance which has featured his activities in his present connection.

Mr. Stewart was born in Rutland, Vermont, on January 11, 1889, son of George W. and Isabel (Simonds) Stewart. His father, who was born in Pittsford, Vermont, and died in January, 1926, was a conductor on the Rutland and Central Vermont railroads for many years. The mother, born near Athol, Massachusetts, died in April, 1906.

Henry W. Stewart was educated in the public schools of Rutland, Vermont, and after leaving high school in 1907 came to Schenectady, where he entered the employ of the General Electric Company. He remained with the company for fourteen years, serving in various capacities, chiefly in connection with sales work. On April 1, 1921, he resigned his position and launched his career in the insurance business as district agent at Schenectady for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. Vigorous salesmanship and a firm conviction in the indispensable value of insurance in present-day life have enabled him to develop a large business.

Mr. Stewart is a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and the Schenectady Rotary Club. He is also affiliated with Charles W. Mead Lodge, No. 862, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Mohawk Club. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a Protestant. Music has been Mr. Stewart's principal leisure interest. A trained musician and accomplished organist, he now serves as organist and choir director at Union Presbyterian Church.

On July 3, 1912, Henry W. Stewart married Mary Curtis, of Hudson Falls, New York, daughter of John Curtis. They are the parents of five children: Henry W., Jr., born April 14, 1913, a graduate of Rochester School of Music, now head of the Music Department of St. Lawrence University; G. Curtis, born June 23, 1915, a graduate of Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts, now in the insurance business; Edward W., born February 13, 1918, now a student at Bentley School of Accounting and Finance in Boston, Massachusetts; Van Aernam, born November 12, 1921, a student at Michigan State College; and Mary Elizabeth, born January 6, 1926.

JUDGE JAMES WEMPLE LIDDLE—Since he began the practice of law at Schenectady in 1913, Judge James Wemple Liddle has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He has been active in many civic connections, has to his credit an extended record of public service, and is now in his second term as county judge of Schenectady County.

Judge Liddle was born at Duanesburg, Schenectady County, on October 14, 1885, son of Robert A. and Rebecca (Wemple) Liddle and a descendant of the pioneers of this section. In the paternal line, he traces his ancestry to Robert Liddell (Liddle), of Roxburyshire, Scotland, a farmer and mason who settled at Princetown, in what is now Schenectady County, between 1750 and 1760. His mother's family, whose name was originally Wemp, was of Dutch origin. Its earliest members came to the Mohawk Valley from Holland in the seventeenth century, at the time of the founding of Schenectady by Arent Van Curler. Robert A. Liddle, Judge Liddle's father, was born at Princetown on December 4, 1856, and was a farmer during his active career. The mother, Rebecca (Wemple) Liddle, was born at Duanesburg on July 11, 1862. Both are still living.

James Wemple Liddle received his preliminary education in the rural schools of Schenectady County. In 1907 he was graduated from Schenectady High School, then known as Union Classical Institute, and subsequently entered Albany Law School, now a part of Union University, from which he was graduated in 1911. Admitted to the bar in 1913, he launched his practice in Schenectady and rose rapidly in his chosen profession. In 1919 he was appointed assistant district attorney of Schenectady County and since that time has devoted his career chiefly to public service in its various forms. In 1923 he was designated as city judge in the Schenectady City Court

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and left the district attorney's office to take up new duties on the bench. In this capacity he served until December 15, 1932. Meanwhile, in November, 1932, he was elected county judge of Schenectady County, taking office on January 1, 1933, for a six-year term. In 1939 he stood for reëlection and because of the character of his service and the confidence inspired by his record on the bench, he was returned to office by a majority of approximately fifteen thousand. Judge Liddle's responsibilities also include the duty of presiding over the Children's Court. He has given prolonged consideration to the special problems involved in Children's Court work and is now president of the New York State Children's Court Judges Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Schenectady Bar Association.

In addition to his professional connections, Judge Liddle has been active in behalf of many civic enterprises and institutions. He has been profoundly interested in the work of the humane societies and now serves as president of the Schenectady Department of the Mohawk and Hudson Humane Society, as well as a director of that society. He is also a director of the Schenectady Young Men's Christian Association and of the Schenectady Boys' Club, recognizing the value of both organizations in building character and good citizenship. Judge Liddle is a Republican in politics and has been influential in his party. He is a trustee and past president of the Schenectady County Historical Society, a connection reflecting his interest in the history and traditions of Schenectady and the Mohawk Valley, and is a member of St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Chatiemac Club of North Creek. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Duanesburg and an associate member of the First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady. Judge Liddle is fond of outdoor life and finds his principal recreation in fishing.

On September 24, 1918, he married Isabel Turnbull, of Duanesburg, daughter of William J. and Ada (Jarvis) Turnbull. Mrs. Liddle is a graduate of Elmira College, where she took the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

WILLIAM ROGER KILLEEN—Widely known in Schenectady as one of the city's leading professional workers, William Roger Killeen is respected and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Killeen was born July 10, 1910, in Youngstown, Ohio, son of Frederick T. and Maud (Merrow) Killeen. The Killeen family, who came to Schenectady in 1913, own and operate large real estate interests in Schenectady, which William Roger Killeen manages. His father, Frederick T. Killeen, was born in 1875 in Rensselaer, New York, and was for many years president of the Jersey Ice Cream Company, in Schenectady. Later he entered the automobile trade, selling Pontiac and Buick cars under the name of the Killeen Automobile Company, until retiring in 1937. William Roger Killeen was secretary and treasurer of that company as well as the Killeen Corporation, its parent company, which is still actively engaged in the real estate field in Schenectady. William Roger Killeen's mother, Mrs. Maud (Merrow) Killeen, was born in Conneaut, Ohio, in 1880.

William Roger Killeen attended public schools in Schenectady, and in January, 1929, was graduated from high school. He took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Union College, Schenectady, in 1933, and in 1936 was made a Bachelor of Laws by the Albany Law School. Admitted to the bar in January, 1937, he undertook the practice of his profession in Schenectady under his own name, and since that time has been engaged in a general practice of law. He is a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and also is affiliated with civic and social groups. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Delta Upsilon fraternity, which he joined in his student days. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

In November, 1939, William Roger Killeen married Elizabeth L. Keigher, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Coughlin) Keigher.

RICHARD OAKLEY KENNEDY—In his long connection with Cluett, Peabody & Company, Troy's leading industry, Richard Oakley Kennedy continues a family tradition. His father was a former president of the company. Mr. Kennedy's association with the organization and its predecessors covers more than thirty-five years.

He is a member of an old Troy family, grandson of Peter H. Kennedy, who was born in this city on January 22, 1828, and a great-grandson of Richard Kennedy. Through his paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Van Valkenburgh, he is descended from the early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam and the Valley of the Hudson. Howard Samuel Kennedy, his father, was born on July 11, 1858, and at an early age entered the employ of the firm of Coon & Van Valkenburgh, collar manufacturers in Troy. His entire career was devoted to the industry. Beginning as office boy, he rose rapidly in the organization of Coon & Van Valkenburgh and its successor, Coon & Company, and eventually became superintendent of the plant. In 1889, when the firms of Coon & Company and the G. B. Cluett Brothers & Company were consolidated, he was appointed general manager and in 1898 was admitted as an active partner in the business. Upon the incorporation of Cluett, Peabody & Company in 1911, he was elected vice-president and director and on December 6, 1916, assumed the presidency of the company, which he headed until his retirement on February 1, 1919, after forty-seven years of service in the industry. His latter years were devoted to the civic and philanthropic connections which long engaged his interest. Mr. Kennedy was trustee of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association and its president for seven years. He was a trustee of Syracuse University; president of the Methodist Social Union of Troy; vice-president and trustee of Poultney Academy in Vermont; and a director of the Samaritan Hospital and Troy Chapter of the American Red Cross. One of the community's most distinguished citizens, he was also one of its most active Methodist laymen, steward, trustee and local preacher of Trinity Methodist Church and executive secretary of the Laymen's Association of the Methodist Church for the Buffalo area. He married, on December 17, 1879, Josephine A. Sharp, daughter of James E. and Jane (Roberts) Sharp, and they became the parents of three children.

Richard Oakley Kennedy is the second of these children in order of birth. He was educated in the public schools of Troy and at St. Paul's School, Garden City, Long Island, after which he entered the employ of Cluett, Peabody & Company, Inc. Mr. Kennedy has been associated with the company continuously since 1905. Beginning as shipping clerk, he assumed increasing responsibilities in the organization as he learned the business and demonstrated his capacities and in 1923 was elected a member of the board of directors of the organization. Since that time he has had an important rôle in shaping company policies and in the direction of its affairs.

Mr. Kennedy is also a director of the Union National Bank of Troy. Like his father, he has been active in other phases of the city's life and is prominent fraternally as a member of the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Mount Zion Lodge and all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including Apollo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bloss Council, Royal and Select Masters; Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Scottish Rite Consistory, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree. He is president of the Troy Orphan Asylum; trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association; Troy Cemetery Association; Marshall Sanitarium, and Russell Sage College; and holds a directorship in Samaritan Hospital and the American Management Association. He is a Methodist in religious faith and serves as a trustee of his church.

On February 6, 1907, Richard Oakley Kennedy married Sarah Klein, daughter of Otto and Sarah (Woodruff) Klein, of Troy. They are the parents of three children: Howard Samuel, 2d, born October 29, 1907; Richard Oakley, Jr., born June 9, 1911; and John W., born September 13, 1916.

CHARLES WILLIS MERRIAM—For years Charles Willis Merriam has been a notable contributor to the business, financial, civic and social life of Schenectady, and he has filled public positions of both city-wide and State-wide importance.

Mr. Merriam was born November 5, 1877, at Waverly, Tioga County, New York, son of Charles E. and Jane (Wells) Merriam, also natives of New York State. His father, born at Goshen, Orange County, went into the mercantile business in young manhood in that place, and later was engaged in merchandising at Waverly for a quarter of a century. Removing to Albany, he conducted a similar enterprise for six years, coming to Schenectady in 1898 and spending the rest of his life in the insurance business here. He died February 8, 1913. The mother, Jane (Wells) Merriam, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and died February 28, 1918.

Charles Willis Merriam attended public schools in Waverly, his birthplace, and after four years in high school in Albany he studied at the Albany Business College. In 1898, as a young man of twenty-one years, he came to Schenectady and became associated in the insurance business with his father. Thereafter, this work claimed his major attention, though he also added real estate activities to it and became successful in both branches of his business. He remains active in this work today, along with his extensive public undertakings, and his knowledge of both real estate and insurance is comprehensive and exact.

A Republican in politics, he has rendered valuable service to his city and State. In 1907 he was chosen a member of the Schenectady County Board of Supervisors, on which he served for ten years by repeated reëlection, acting as chairman of the board in 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917. He was elected to the State Assembly in the fall of 1923, and continued to hold that office by reëlection until 1931, serving in all eight years. As a legislator, he achieved a most creditable record. He was a very active member of the Insurance, Taxation, and Canals committees, always giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital affairs concerning the State of New York. In November, 1937, Mr. Merriam was elected to the City Council of Schenectady to serve for a four-year term, from 1938 to 1942. In November, 1941, he was reëlected to that office for another period of four years. His public service has also included military activity. For three years, he was a member of Troop B of the National Guard, and during the World War period he acted as treasurer of the Schenectady organization of the Red Cross and for a year as chairman.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Merriam is a director of the Schenectady Savings Bank, of the Schenectady County Tuberculosis Committee, of the Humane Society and of the City Mission. He is also treasurer of the Public Health Nursing Association, of the Schenectady Farm Bureau and of the City Mission. He is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and interests himself in every project designed to promote the general advancement of the city. For many years he was a member of the Mohawk Club, and of the Rotary Club. In Union Presbyterian Church he is an elder, and served for several terms on the board of trustees of that organization.

On April 26, 1921, Charles Willis Merriam married Jessie Partch McGlashan, of Los Angeles, California, daughter of Duncan Stuart McGlashan and Jessie (Partch) McGlashan. Her father was born in Scotland, and was a distinguished member of the Baptist clergy. He died in 1934. Her mother was born in Ohio, and died in 1891. On March 15, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Merriam became the parents of twin sons, Charles Willis Merriam, Jr., and Stuart Hamilton Merriam, now high school students.

DONALD GEORGE MacELROY, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Schenectady, Dr. Donald George MacElroy is a respected and honored member of his profession.

Dr. MacElroy was born February 7, 1910, in Jonesville, New York, son of Dr. John Rankin and Clara (Tanner) MacElroy. His father, born November 24, 1873, at Bath, Pennsylvania, was graduated in June, 1894, from Albany Medical College, and since that time has been continuously engaged in the practice of medicine in Jonesville. He is a member of the Saratoga County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and serves as health officer of the town of Clifton Park and is a member of the State Health Officers' Association. Politically he is a Republican. The mother, Mrs. Clara (Tanner) MacElroy, was born in Cohoes, New York.

Schools at Jonesville, his New York State birthplace, provided Donald George MacElroy's early formal education, and he attended high school at Mechanicsville and at Mount Hermon, being graduated in 1929 from Mount Hermon School. He attended Colgate University for three years, and in 1938 took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo. There followed an interneship at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, and Dr. MacElroy took up his practice in this city when the time came for him to enter upon the active labors of his career. He is associated in practice with Dr. E. K. Cravener (*q. v.*), and is a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has contributed much to his profession, and is widely and favorably known among its members and among a host of patients and loyal friends.

Politically Dr. MacElroy is a Republican. He belongs to the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity, and is a member of the Methodist Church. Hunting and fishing are among his favorite outdoor recreations.

MATHIAS P. POERSCH—In Schenectady, Mathias P. Poersch has carried on a general practice of law under his own name since 1921.

Mr. Poersch was born February 21, 1897, in Schenectady, son of Mathias P. and Agnes (Fritzen) Poersch, both natives of Germany, the father born at Bad Bertrich in 1865 and the mother at Essen in 1867. Coming to the United States in 1887, the father was associated for about ten years as a baggageman, with the New York Central Railroad, and later became a retail grocer in Schenectady, so continuing for about thirty years. Afterward he was a real estate and insurance broker for the rest of his life in this city. He died February 24, 1940.

The younger Mathias P. Poersch attended public schools in Schenectady, was graduated from St. Joseph's Academy here in 1914, took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Union College in 1918 and his degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School in 1921, and then was admitted to the bar in September of that year. Down to the time of writing he has continued a general practice of law, and has been eminently successful in his professional and other undertakings.

Politically a Democrat, Mr. Poersch has served in a number of public capacities. He has been corporation counsel of the city of Schenectady. For three years he was assistant district attorney of Schenectady County, and for a year was city judge. For ten years, from 1930 to 1940, he acted as chairman of the Democratic county committee. During the World War, Mr. Poersch served in the United States Navy for five months, and he is now a member of Post No. 1005 of the American Legion and of the "40 and 8." He belongs to the Phi Beta Kappa society, honorary scholastic fraternity, to which he was elected in his student days. He is also active in the Mohawk Golf Club, Lodge No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

On January 19, 1922, Mathias P. Poersch married Ethel Benzie, of Troy, New York, daughter of John and

Catherine (McMahon) Benzie. Four children were born of this marriage: Constance P., Mathias P., Mary P. and John B. Poersch.

FRED COLBY BEAGLE—In the fields of finance and politics, Fred Colby Beagle, of Richmondville, is equally a leader in Schoharie County and New York State. He learned banking in the Nation's metropolis; he acquired experience in politics as a Republican in a previously Democratic section.

Mr. Beagle was born May 27, 1908, at "Colby Manor," Otego, Otsego County, New York, son of Fenimore Daniel and Helen (Colby) Beagle, both members of noteworthy families. Fenimore Daniel Beagle was born at Davenport, Delaware County, New York, in 1868. Graduated from the Otego High School, he went to Oneida and learned the publishing business. He wanted to become a physician, but conditions beyond his control rendered this impossible, so he went about something wherein he could earn a livelihood while he was gaining a vocation. He was a reporter with the "Utica Daily Sun," and the "Utica Saturday Globe" before 1893 when he became a clerk on the staff of the Adjutant-General of New York State. His own work in this connection was as registrar of vital statistics, State Board of Health. Later he was chief clerk and executive officer of the New York Health Department, serving from its inception. In 1932 he was appointed secretary of the department, a post he filled most capably until he retired seventeen days before his demise in 1933. Altogether his service on the health boards must have covered forty years, during which there were administrations changed from one party to another, but the fact that he was a staunch Republican in his political allegiance never affected his reappointments. Possibly the secret of his long continued service is indicated by what is written under his photograph "Take care of your job, and the job will take care of itself." It is of more than passing interest that the above-mentioned photograph is found in a large scrapbook, presented to Fenimore D. Beagle on a birthday, and which contains letters from officials, high and low, in the Capitol at Albany, of people in all walks of life in the city itself. His death on September 22, 1933, was widely mourned. He was the son of Daniel, farmer and carpenter of Otego, who married Mary Wilbur. He was a grandson of Moses Beagle, of Schoharie Township, a farmer who was the son of John Beagle, native of Lansingburg (North Troy), New York, and his wife born Winchie Van Nosdale, native of Fishkill, this State. For his services in the American Revolution, John Beagle was granted a square mile of land in the town of Schoharie. The most of his Continental Army service was at Stone Fort and Fort Stanwix, in New York, but he also was in the armed forces that compelled the surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia.

On June 5, 1900, Fenimore Daniel Beagle married Helen Colby, deceased, a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, daughter of Professor William Irving Colby, who taught languages at Concord, New Hampshire, and was an expert linguist. Miss Colby had been a student at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, prior to her marriage. The old Colby Manor was purchased by Fenimore D. Beagle as a summer home in 1906.

Fred Colby Beagle was educated in the Albany High School, the Albany Business College and the American Institute of Banking. He had gone from his home to the Chase National Bank, New York City, and while there took advantage of the opportunities to study business administration and finance with the institution established by the American Bankers' Association. In 1929 he removed to Richmondville, Schoharie County, to become associated as secretary with J. D. Holmes, president of the Bank of Richmondville, and county treasurer. Upon the death of W. E. Lewis, vice-president, he was elected trust officer, a position he has since held. In 1936 Mr. Beagle organized the Citizens Finance Company of Richmondville, for the purpose of financing the purchase of automobiles, household equipment and the like. He has since been the president and a director of the corporation. His company discounts commercial paper for thirty-seven automobile dealers and has maintained, after six months, a large annual dividend to stockholders, the most of which are in Schoharie County.

Mr. Beagle may have inherited his political faith as a Republican, but it has been wholly by his own foresight and efforts that he has won this county, Schoharie, from the Democratic ranks during a period when the country has had a New York Democrat as its Chief Executive. In November, 1937, he was elected chairman of the County Republican Committee, an office in which he has since done most effective work. From a Democratic section over a long period, Schoharie County now gives a good majority to State and national candidates of the Republican party. He was delegate from the Twenty-seventh Congressional District, New York, to the National Republican Convention held at Philadelphia, June 24, 1940, which nominated Wendell Willkie for President. He was treasurer and a member of the executive committee of the Republican Association of Rural Counties, comprising forty up-State New York counties.

Mr. Beagle was treasurer of the State Association of county officials during 1926-37, and in 1937 was delegate from New York State to the National County Officers Association, meeting at Rock Island, Illinois. Three times he has been a delegate to the Republican State Convention, representing Schoharie County. His own

official position in the county is that of Schoharie County treasurer, an office to which he was first elected in November, 1934, and to which he was reëlected in November, 1937, and again in November, 1940, when he carried everyone of the thirty-one election districts and received an unprecedented majority of three thousand. He is a member of the National Republican Club, of the Schoharie County Historical Society, and of a number of other organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Richmondville Lodge, No. 525, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Grand, and of the Pomona and Richmondville Granges, Patrons of Husbandry. He worships in the faith of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville.

On June 22, 1929, Fred Colby Beagle married Margaret McIntyre, daughter of John and Bella (McFarland) McIntyre, of Nyack, who now reside at Cresskill, New Jersey. Mrs. Beagle was born in New York City, November 25, 1908, educated in the Nyack High School and New York State College for Teachers at Albany, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1927. Prior to her marriage she taught school in Nyack. She is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, active in women's societies, church and fraternal circles. Mrs. Beagle is a past president of Eureka Class, connected with the Sunday school of St. Paul's; Past Grand of the Rebekahs, also a past district deputy secretary and past district deputy marshal of Schoharie District of this order. She is president of the Richmondville Ladies Literary Society, the local women's club, and serves as treasurer of the local Grange.

LEE N. VEDDER—Since the settlement of the Mohawk Valley, members of the Vedder family have played an active rôle in the life of this section. Lee N. Vedder, a successful manufacturer at Fultonville, continues the family tradition.

Born in this community on December 24, 1886, he is a son of Nelson D. and Nettie (Ingersoll) Vedder and a descendant of Harmen Albertse Vedder, who came to the New World from Holland about 1640, a man of some prominence in the New Netherlands Colony, where he held office as magistrate, sheriff and trader. During the Revolution, John A. Vedder, born on May 15, 1757, near Schenectady, held a civil office, and after the war his son, Francis V. Bogart Vedder, moved from Schenectady to the town of Glen in Montgomery County, where he established the Vedder home. Francis V. Bogart Vedder was the great-grandfather of Lee N. Vedder. The grandfather, David F. Vedder, was born on the old Vedder homestead near Fultonville, in the town of Glen on May 12, 1835, and the father, Nelson D. Vedder, was born there on March 21, 1862. Both were farmers. Nettie (Ingersoll) Vedder, the mother, was also a member of an old Montgomery County family.

Educated in the public schools of Fultonville, Lee N. Vedder subsequently attended Albany Business College, from which he was graduated. He was still a small boy when his father died, and after the completion of his course in Albany he returned to Fultonville to take over the management of the family farm, a responsibility which he shared with his brother for eleven years. In June, 1916, however, he turned to business life and since that time has been associated with the White Mop Wringer Company of Fultonville, and Paris, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Vedder is vice-president and general manager of the company. In these capacities he has played a principal part in the development of the company and its business during the past quarter of a century.

In addition to his business connections he is affiliated fraternally with Fultonville Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and with the various higher Masonic bodies of the York Rite, including Johnstown Chapter, No. 78, Royal Arch Masons, Johnstown Council, No. 72, Royal and Select Masters, and Holy Cross Commandery, Knights Templar, at Gloversville. He is also a life member of Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Albany, and a member of the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany. Mr. Vedder has taken an active part in the civic life of his community and during the World War was chairman of one of the Liberty Loan committees. He is past mayor of Fultonville and past president of Mohawk Valley Towns Association, and a director of Fultonville National Bank. He retains his early interest in farming and for some six years was a member of the executive committee of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

On March 24, 1917, in New York City, Lee N. Vedder married Grace Quackenbush, who was born in Auriesville, New York, daughter of Joseph Quackenbush, a commission merchant, and Adaline Hudson (Shutts) Quackenbush. Like her husband she is descended from the early Dutch settlers of New York, tracing her ancestry to Peter Quackenbush, who came from Holland in 1660 and settled in Albany; Nicholas Quackenbush, a private under Colonel Frederick Fisher in the Revolutionary War; to Nicholas Woolever, one of the original patentees of German Flats at Herkimer, who served in the battle of Oriskany during the Revolution and gave the land which is the site of old Fort Herkimer church; to William Cebra, born on Long Island on March 5, 1750, who was a lieutenant in the Revolution, and Resolved Waldron who came from Holland in 1654 and was Deputy Provincial Schout Fiscal and Special Ambassador of New Netherlands, 1658-59, and others among the founders of State and Nation. Her own family were residents for many generations of Auriesville and this section of Montgomery County. Mrs. Vedder was educated at Hudson River Institute in Claverack, from which she was graduated in 1901, and at Syracuse University, where she took her degree in 1906. For ten years prior to her marriage she was associated with the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association in New York City. Valuing the traditions of the Nation's past, Mrs. Vedder has also been active in patriotic and historical organizations. She was organizer of Nancy Staring Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, of which she has served as president; is Past Regent of Caughnawaga Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the Daughters of 1812; New York State Chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution; a member of the Daughters of American Colonists Society, and a member of the Daughters of the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany. In addition to these organizations, she is affiliated with the Century Club of Amsterdam, the Parliamentary School of Fultonville and Fonda and Girl Scout Committee, and is a member of the Reformed Church in Fultonville. In politics she is a Democrat.

AMASA P. DISHER—For many years a leading lawyer of Germantown, Amasa P. Disher has been associated actively with some of the leading institutions of this, his native community, and his accomplishments have been contributive to the civic, social and cultural life of his times.

Mr. Disher was born February 1, 1869, in Germantown, New York, son of John and Mary (Miller) Disher. His father, of Germantown, died in 1908 after long service in the railway industry. The mother, who came from Greenport, died in 1923, aged eighty-seven years.

Public schools provided Amasa P. Disher's early formal education. In boyhood he was employed on a farm, and at every opportunity, during leisure hours, he studied books and laid the foundation for his future career. While still a young man, he took up railroad work and became a telegraph operator, as did his father before him, but, not satisfied to make this his life work, he determined to study law. Lacking the funds for college study, Mr. Disher prepared himself for his profession by reading law in the offices of several lawyers and law firms. He was in the office of Brownell and Cochrane, was with Mark Duntz when he was district attorney, then worked with Cadman and Peck and with Edward McCormick. He successfully passed the required examinations prescribed by the board of regents and the University of the State of New York and finally the examinations required by the Board of Examiners for admission to the State bar and was admitted to the practice of law in 1899 and commenced his work in Germantown. In 1914 he was admitted to practice in the United States District Courts. He has carried on his work most effectively since that time, particularly in view of his long familiarity with the people here. He is engaged in a general practice of law, and is a member of the Columbia County Bar Association.

In addition to his other activities as a member of the bar, Mr. Disher was attorney for the Germantown Bank until about two years before it closed its doors in 1931. He was also the leader in the movement to consolidate the schools in his district, doing all the legal work looking in the direction of the desired consolidation, the placing of the bonds and the like. For many years he has also acted as justice of the peace here and as attorney for the village. He served for eight years, from 1923 to 1931, as transfer tax attorney for the State of New York in Columbia County. During the World War period he was particularly active in Germantown affairs, taking part in Liberty Loan drives and Red Cross work and making a number of public addresses from time to time.

To his other attainments Mr. Disher has added writing, producing a number of articles for newspapers, magazines and journals of various sorts, not alone on historical subjects, but on extensive genealogical researches that he has conducted. In youth, wholly for his own satisfaction, Mr. Disher executed several paintings. In fact, he has been interested in every branch of the artistic life. No work of importance, pertaining either to historical interest or civic progress, has found him in the background. Rather, he stands at the forefront in every community activity. He has held the different offices in his lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a member of several Germantown clubs and is an elder and has been deacon in the Dutch Reformed Church.

On June 26, 1907, Amasa P. Disher married Jennie G. Sipperley, of Germantown, New York, daughter of John Henry and Catharine A. (Green) Sipperley. Her father operated a fruit farm.

STAUNTON B. SMITH—Highly respected by the people of East Chatham, New York, and the surrounding district for his accomplishment as a teacher and school administrator, Staunton B. Smith is often called upon to give, out of his background of experience, counsel and help to younger members of the community aiming to start some worth while project for public betterment.

Mr. Smith was born February 5, 1862, at Zumbrota, Goodhue County, Minnesota, son of Jesse Horton and Nancy Maria (Buckbee) Smith. His father, born in 1816, died August 14, 1866, was a teacher by profession and a lieutenant in the Union Army during the Civil War, en-

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rolling for service early in the course of that conflict. He survived the rigors of war, was honorably discharged in April, 1866, established himself in residence on a farm near Cape Girardeau, Missouri, then on August seventh of the same year was suddenly taken ill in the field, while working, suffering a bilious fever and congestion that resulted in his death a week later. His son, John Benjamin Smith, who went into the service with Company H, 1st Minnesota Volunteers, early in the war, was wounded in the charge at Gettysburg, and was killed in action at Deep Bottom, Virginia, on the same date, August 14, two years earlier, in 1864. John Benjamin Smith reported to members of his family having experienced a Christian conversion during the trying days of the Civil War. He once quoted approvingly in a letter to his father, the following words of an army chaplain: "I would not wish to live if Christ were taken from the universe, nor would I wish a home on earth if the Union of my country was destroyed." Mrs. Nancy Maria (Buckee) Smith, mother of Staunton B. Smith, was born near East Chatham, New York, in 1837, and died in 1913.

Staunton B. Smith received his early education in a log school house in Missouri where his mother was the teacher, the justly celebrated McGuffey readers being the text there used. He next studied at Rochester, New York, at the Hudson River Institute, Claverack, New York, and obtained his professional training at the State Normal School, New Paltz, New York. He had an interesting career from the very beginning, as an instructor in the public schools of Columbia County. In 1911 he was unanimously elected superintendent of the first supervisory district of Columbia County, New York, and he was supervisor of this district for twenty years. He spent altogether over forty-eight years in school work before he withdrew from his active endeavors and retired.

As one citizen explained, Mr. Smith is "idealized by his community," for the people respect his broad knowledge and experience, his acquaintance with current world affairs, his wisdom derived from many years of teaching, and his numerous charitable acts. One very wise commentator has said that a teacher who really takes his work seriously must learn much more than his pupils, merely through the fact of his having to prepare so carefully the material that he is about to dispense to others. And the broad knowledge of Mr. Smith well attests this truth.

Quite aside from teaching activity, Mr. Smith is active in a variety of community affairs. He was instrumental in founding in 1893 the East Chatham Public Library which was chartered by the board of regents. It now has over six thousand volumes. Mr. Smith raised the money to start the library, the State contributing dollar for dollar of the amount raised locally. He was also the leader in organizing the East Chatham Grange, No. 1066, Patrons of Husbandry, in 1906, with eighty-nine charter members. Under his supervision the first Central School in Columbia County was organized in New Lebanon, July 25, 1928, and President, then Governor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt took part in the dedication. Mr. Smith is treasurer of the East Chatham Cemetery Association. For twenty years his service as district superintendent earned for him wide admiration, and during the World War he was connected with different Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns. Active in the Free and Accepted Masons and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Mr. Smith has lived well up to the finest traditions of fraternalism. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. He seeks always to live his religious convictions in the deeds of every-day life, a fact that is evident in his many charitable acts.

In 1889 Staunton B. Smith married Katherine Du Bois, daughter of Abner Du Bois, of New Paltz, New York, and member of an old and honorable family. She was of the ninth generation in direct line of descent from Chretien Du Bois, of Lille, France, born in 1590, according to family records. These records also indicate that another ancestor, much farther back, was Geoffroi Du Bois, companion to William the Conqueror, who invaded England in 1066. From Chretien Du Bois the line passed through his son, Louis Du Bois, "the patentee," who lived from 1626 to 1696; his son, Louis Du Bois, 2d, who lived from 1677 to 1749; his son, Jonathan Du Bois, born in 1710, died in 1746; his son, Louis J. Du Bois, captain of the 1st New Paltz Company, 3d Ulster County Regiment, in the Revolutionary War, born in 1733; his son, Charles Du Bois, born in 1767, died in 1834; his son, Henry Du Bois, born in 1796, died in 1833; and his son, Abner Du Bois, Mrs. Smith's father, who lived from 1830 to 1916, all of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York. Mrs. Katherine (Du Bois) Smith was born November 25, 1869, and died March 6, 1930. Staunton B. and Katherine (Du Bois) Smith became the parents of three children: 1. Franklin Du Bois Smith, a practicing veterinary in East Chatham for twenty-five years. 2. Jesse B. Smith, graduated from the State College for Teachers, Albany, New York, as a Bachelor of Arts. He volunteered as a private in the regular army at the outbreak of the World War and rose to the rank of captain. He is now on the retired list due to disability. 3. Donald E. Smith, graduated from New York University, with the degree of Bachelor of Science and that of Master of Science, became principal of a Junior High School at Hempstead, Long Island. All three of the sons are married. Also there is one grandchild, Marjorie Du Bois Smith, R. N., daughter of Dr. Franklin Du Bois and Mrs. Adela (Braun) Smith.

DEWEY BELL—Succeeding to control of Bell's Hotel at Rensselaerville, which has been owned by his family for almost seventy-five years, Dewey Bell successfully operated this hostelry throughout his active career. It is one of the institutions of the Rensselaerville section.

Mr. Bell, long a well-known figure in Albany County, was born at Berne in 1854, son of Chauncey and Henrietta Bell. He was educated in the public schools of Rensselaerville and in his youth joined his father, Chauncey Bell, in the operation of the ancient inn which has since been known as Bell's Hotel. This institution, acquired by the senior Bell in 1866, was founded and built in 1818 by Appollos Moore. After the death of Chauncey Bell, Dewey Bell took over the management with his brother, Frank Bell. He continued as owner and operator until his own death in 1933. The traditions, built on years of excellent service, were fully maintained under his management. They survive today. Bell's Hotel, situated on Rensselaerville's Main Street, operates on both the European and American plan. Mrs. Bell has been the owner since the death of her husband, and the present manager is Eugene Grattan Dockrell, who took over in 1933.

Dewey Bell, in addition to his business interests, was active and influential in the general life of his community. He was president for some years of the village of Rensselaerville and served a term as road commissioner of the town. He was a Republican in politics and was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian.

Mr. Bell married, at Rensselaerville, Nellie Bryant, who was born in this town, a daughter of Myron and Mary (Cartright) Bryant. Her father was a veteran of the Civil War.

Dewey Bell died at Rensselaerville on September 10, 1933. His contribution to the life of Rensselaerville in his generation was an important one, and he enjoyed in full measure the respect and regard of his fellow-townsmen. He was able, industrious and public-spirited and is warmly remembered by all who knew him.

FRANK T. McEVOY—Associated since 1915 with the New York Power & Light Corporation, Frank T. McEvoy now acts as resident manager in charge of the Albany district.

Mr. McEvoy was born March 26, 1897, in Albany, New York, son of Thomas F. and Margaret (Barnett) McEvoy, both natives of Ireland. His father, long active in the railway industry, was born in Ireland in 1875, and the mother was born there in 1872.

Albany schools furnished Frank T. McEvoy's early formal education and he was graduated from St. John's Academy, Rensselaer, class of 1915. It was in that year that he formed his first connection with the New York Power & Light Corporation as clerk in the payroll department. Later he became bookkeeper, then traffic clerk, then traffic manager, then purchasing agent, holding the latter position between 1930 and 1938. In 1938 Mr. McEvoy became resident manager in Albany, being given full direction of the Albany district.

Now making his home in Albany, he is a member of the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Club, the Wolferts Roost Country Club, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is an executive committeeman of the local Community Chest organization. Golf and swimming are among his favorite recreations, though he is fond of all healthful outdoor recreations. During the World War, Mr. McEvoy served in the Signal Corps of the United States Army at New York University. He belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.

Frank T. McEvoy married, July 27, 1927, at Albany, New York, Marie D. Sennett, born at Rensselaer, New York, daughter of John J. and Cecilia Sennett. Her father, who is now deceased, was also a native of Rensselaer. The son of this marriage, Paul Noel McEvoy, was born December 8, 1929, in Albany, New York, and at the time of writing attends St. Vincent's Academy.

WILLIAM F. RICE—A member of one of Rensselaerville's old families, William F. Rice continues the mercantile business established here by his grandfather before the Civil War. He is an influential figure in the life of the town.

Mr. Rice was born at Rensselaerville on September 6, 1884, son of Frank and Carrie (Smith) Rice. His grandfather, John L. Rice, settled in Rensselaerville in 1855 and shortly afterward entered business as a merchant, operating a general store. It is this business which is now carried on by his grandson. Frank Rice, the father, born at Rensselaerville on April 22, 1857, died on March 4, 1924, controlled the family enterprise during his active career. He was a leading Republican of the village and for some years was supervisor of the town. Carrie (Smith) Rice, the mother, who was also born in this community, died in 1892.

William F. Rice received his preliminary education in the local public schools and afterward completed a course at Albany Business College. In his youth he entered the family business, which had passed to his father upon the death of his grandfather in 1895, and served a thorough apprenticeship under his father's guidance. When he, in turn, inherited the business, he was well qualified by experience for the responsibilities of management and has continued it successfully since that time. He carries a full stock of general merchandise, with hardware and other supplies.

Robert A. MacTaggart

Mr. Rice is also a director of E. N. Huyck Preserve, Inc. Like his father he has been active in Republican politics and from 1916 to 1919 was supervisor of the town and a member of the Albany County Board of Supervisors, a distinction reflecting his standing as a leading citizen. He is also active fraternally, being affiliated with Cascade Lodge, No. 427, Free and Accepted Masons, and Berne Lodge, No. 770, Knights of the Maccabees. In addition to this connection he is a member of the Rensselaerville Rod and Gun Club and the Episcopal Church. His business is his only hobby.

On April 15, 1914, at Brooklyn, New York, William F. Rice married Julia A. Gustafson, who was born in Vadstena, Sweden, on January 6, 1890. They are the parents of three children: William F. Rice, Jr., born May 18, 1915; Gustav Loring Rice, born July 27, 1924; and Betty Jane Rice, born July 1, 1927.

ROBERT ATHERTON MacTAGGART—In 1918, at the outset of his professional career, Dr. Robert Atherton MacTaggart established his practice in Schenectady and has since devoted himself to its responsibilities. He is a leading physician of Schenectady and has served both city and county in public office.

Born at Lynn, Massachusetts, on June 27, 1890, Dr. MacTaggart is a son of William A. and Gertrude (Hayes) MacTaggart. His father, a mechanical engineer employed by the General Electric Company in Schenectady for many years, was born in Bradford, England, June 7, 1866, and came to the United States in 1889. He died on February 15, 1915. Gertrude (Hayes) MacTaggart, the mother, was also born in Bradford, England, in 1864. She is still living.

Robert Atherton MacTaggart was educated in the public schools of Schenectady, completing the high school course in 1911. After two years in Union College, he entered Albany Medical College to prepare for his professional career and was graduated from this institution in 1917, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year he served as interne at Albany Hospital, and almost at once enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and was called to active service overseas, where he was stationed at Base Hospitals Nos. 36 and 33 for a year and a half. During this period he was promoted to the grade of captain and was discharged from the service with this rank in June, 1919.

Upon his return to Schenectady, Dr. MacTaggart started his practice here and has since continued it on an expanding scale. He has kept abreast of all developments in medical science and in 1926 carried on graduate work for six months in the celebrated Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. He has never limited his professional activities, however, continuing in the general practice of medicine.

Dr. MacTaggart is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Schenectady County Medical Society. In 1927-1928 he served as county physician of Schenectady County and in 1932 was elected to the school board of the city of Schenectady, of which he has been a member continuously ever since. He is well known both in his profession and in the city's general life.

In addition to his professional connections, Dr. MacTaggart is a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated fraternally with Mead Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also affiliated with the Delta Upsilon fraternity and the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity, and is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club. Fishing, hunting and golf are his favorite recreations. Dr. MacTaggart is a Republican in politics and a member of the Unitarian Church.

On October 16, 1924, he married Helena Krida, of Schenectady, daughter of John and Anna (Kunkle) Krida.

JAMES CRONK CONSTABLE—For more than forty years, James Cronk Constable has been engaged in business as a building contractor in the Tannersville section of Greene County. During this period he has erected many of the largest buildings in the village and neighboring resorts. Mr. Constable also carries on a lumber, coal and wood supply business.

He was born in Newburgh, Orange County, on December 21, 1865, son of Aaron and Mary (Cronk) Constable, both of Orange County families. Although his father was a farmer, his own interests led him in other directions and after attending the Newburgh public schools he began clerking in a local grocery store at the age of fourteen. Two years later he began his apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade, which he followed, after qualifying as a journeyman, for several years before coming to Tannersville in 1894. In this community he was employed as a carpenter by others for a short time, then established himself as a contractor. His experience, reflected in the superior quality of his work, and his prompt fulfillment of all contractual obligations led to the rapid expansion of his business which he has since continued on an extensive scale. Mr. Constable has erected some of the largest resort hotels and numerous fine residences in the Catskills, including many beautiful homes in Elka Park, Onteora Park and Twilight Park. He handles all types of contracting work and since 1919 has developed as a joint enterprise a large business in lumber, coal and wood.

Mr. Constable, who is well known in the Catskills for his business interests, has also been active in the general life of the Tannersville community, where his influence is acknowledged as a constructive force. He has served at various times in all village offices and has rounded out a long term as a member of the local board of education. Mr. Constable was one of the organizers of the Jacob Fromer Hose Company and is still a member of the company. He is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, in which he has been accorded honorary membership. A Methodist in religious faith, he serves as treasurer of the Tannersville Methodist Church.

On December 21, 1898, James Cronk Constable married Frankie E. Eggleston, of Tannersville, daughter of Henry and Delia (Perry) Eggleston, born in Prattsville. They became the parents of one daughter, Violet, now deceased, a graduate of Tannersville High School. She married Harry L. Kirchner, of Kingston, and leaves two children: Joyce L. and Phyllis.

CALVIN IRA LACY—Succeeding his father in the Ford agency at Catskill, Calvin Ira Lacy has operated this enterprise successfully, on a complete sales and service basis covering Greene County, during the past nine years.

He was born at Freehold, Greene County, on December 23, 1909, son of Roscoe C. and Mabel (Hunt) Lacy, both of Freehold. His father, a merchant at Freehold and later an automobile dealer at Catskill, died in 1931. His mother is still living.

Calvin I. Lacy received his preliminary education in the Freehold district school, later attending Catskill High School, Keystone Academy at Factoryville, Pennsylvania, and Colgate University. In 1930 he joined his father, who was then operating the Ford agency in the automobile business at Catskill, and worked in all the various parts of the business. After only a little more than a year, his father died and Mr. Lacy took over the agency, which he has since operated under the name of R. C. Lacy Estate. He handles the Ford, Mercury and Lincoln Zephyr cars and the Ford tractors and averages about two hundred cars annually in his sales figures. His sales and service territory includes all of Greene County.

Mr. Lacy, who makes his home in Freehold, is a Republican in politics and a trustee of the Free Christian Church at Freehold. He is a member of the Catskill Chamber of Commerce. His success in the operation of his agency has made him well known among the younger business men of the county.

On August 1, 1935, Calvin I. Lacy married Dorothy Simpson, of East Durham, New York, daughter of William Simpson. They are the parents of two children: Roscoe C. and Gail Christine.

MILTON O. BAILEY—Widely known in Greene County, Milton O. Bailey has spent most of his life in agricultural pursuits, and he operates a summer boarding house deep in the Catskills, at Jewett. He makes his home in Catskill.

Mr. Bailey was born November 2, 1882, in Jewett, New York, son of Orville T. and Martha (Pond) Bailey, of that place. His father's and mother's families both came to Greene County from Goshen, Connecticut, about 1800, since which time they have resided in this district. Orville T. Bailey also was engaged in farming and in the operation of the summer house at Jewett.

Public schools provided Milton O. Bailey's early formal education, and when the time came for him to start his career he turned his attention to agriculture. He has farmed extensively since that time, having 265 acres of land and giving his energies mainly to dairying. In more recent years, however, he has rented this property to others and devoted his time mostly to public activities.

A Republican in his political views, Mr. Bailey was town supervisor for four years, and at the time of writing is serving his third term as sheriff of Greene County. He takes an active part in the affairs of both town and county. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Bailey is affiliated with Lodge No. 529, at Windham, New York, as well as with the Royal Arch Chapter and Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, being particularly fond of fishing.

On January 4, 1909, Milton O. Bailey married Olive Persons, of Jewett, New York. They became the parents of one son, Orville T. Bailey, who was graduated from Windham High School, took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Syracuse University and that of Doctor of Medicine at Albany Medical College, served an interneship of one year at Albany Hospital, and then was at Peter Brent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. After that interneship he was resident pathologist at the Boston Children's Hospital, and then was for two years resident pathologist at Peter Brent Brigham Hospital, Boston. He was, at the conclusion of that period, elected to the Society of Fellows of Harvard, where he did research work for three years. At the time of writing he is associate pathologist at Peter Brent Brigham Hospital, Boston, and a teacher of pathology at the Medical School of Harvard University, being associated with Dr. Bert Wolbach.

MAHLON H. ATKINSON, M. D.—One of Catskill's best known professional men, Dr. Mahlon H. Atkinson has specialized in general surgery and fracture work in recent years. He is connected with a number of

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hospitals and organized groups in his profession, and is widely respected and honored.

Dr. Atkinson was born January 17, 1895, in South Amboy, New Jersey, son of Lawrence R. and Margaret (Stevenson) Atkinson. His parents now live with Dr. Atkinson. His father, who is retired, is a native Pennsylvanian. The mother came from New Jersey.

Public schools provided Dr. Mahlon H. Atkinson's early formal education, and he completed his high school studies at South Amboy, his New Jersey birthplace, then went to the University of North Carolina, taking his degree of Bachelor of Science there in 1916. After an intervening period of war service, he studied medicine at the Harvard University Medical School, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1923. His World War service with the United States Army began early in 1917 and continued until he was honorably discharged in May, 1919, rising from a first-class sergeant in rank to first lieutenant. Connected with the Sanitary Corps, he was assigned to United States Army Base Hospital, No. 1, at Vichy, France, there working in the X-ray department.

After completing his post-war medical studies, Dr. Atkinson began a general practice in Catskill in 1926. Meanwhile, he had an interneship at Boston City Hospital, and served as resident surgeon at Albany Hospital. He attended, at different periods, many special courses at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, in New York City, as well as in Boston, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and elsewhere, so adding to his knowledge and skill. Gradually he limited his practice more and more to general surgery and to fractures, which have absorbed his major attention in recent years.

In addition to his regular practice, Dr. Atkinson has written numerous articles on fractures for medical journals. He has served as president of the Greene County Medical Society, and is at the time of writing president of the Third District Branch of New York State Medical Society. He belongs to the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is chairman of the staff of the Greene County Memorial Hospital. Among his public duties, he has served as coroner of Catskill. He is a Republican in his political views, and is president of the Catskill Republican Club. Local civic, social and athletic affairs have taken up much of his time, and he is a past president of several organizations here—the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Catskill Country Club, the Rip Van Winkle Club and the Catskill Athletic Association. He is a member of Catskill Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which Order he is affiliated also with Catskill Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters; Kingston Commandery, Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is affiliated, too, with Catskill Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worships in the faith of the Reformed Church of Catskill.

In Boston, Massachusetts, on April 4, 1921, Dr. Mahlon H. Atkinson married Lillon P. Hamer, of that city. They became the parents of one son, Mahlon H. Atkinson, Jr., a Catskill school student.

CLARENCE A. WHITMYRE—For many years Clarence A. Whitmyre, former mayor of Schenectady, has been an active figure in the city's life. Although his civic and public interests have been numerous, they constitute only one phase of his career. Over a long period he was also associated with the General Electric Company and rose within the organization to the position of assistant general superintendent.

Mr. Whitmyre was born in Schenectady on June 4, 1874, son of William F. and Mary (Wortman) Whitmyre. His father, who was born in Minden, Germany, in 1839, came to the United States as a boy in 1847 and subsequently became a broom manufacturer in Schenectady, operating under the name of C. Whitmyre & Company. During the Civil War he served from 1862 to 1865 as a member of Company F, 132d Regiment, New York Volunteers. He retired in 1915 and died in 1921. Mary (Wortman) Whitmyre, the mother, also now deceased, was born in New York City.

Clarence A. Whitmyre was educated in the public schools of Schenectady, after which he became a machinist's apprentice with the American Locomotive Company in this city and served as such from 1889 to 1893. In 1895 he entered the employ of the General Electric Company. Beginning as a machinist, he was subsequently promoted to inspector, then became foreman of the plant and finally assistant to the general superintendent. In this capacity he served until his retirement in January, 1940.

Meanwhile, he had become prominent in public life. Influential in Republican politics, Mr. Whitmyre entered the municipal government, served one year as president of the Common Council and in 1923 was mayor of Schenectady, initiating a progressive and efficient administration. He continues to be a power in local councils of the Republican party and serves as trustee of the County Republican Club. Mr. Whitmyre is also active fraternally. In the Masonic Order, he is affiliated with St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons; St. George's Chapter, No. 157, Royal Arch Masons; St. George's Council, No. 74, Royal and Select Masters; St. George's Commandery, No. 37, Knights Templar; all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Lodge of Perfection at Schenectady and the Consistory at Albany; and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Troy, of which he was elected, January 25, 1941, to the office of Illustrious Potentate. Mr. Whitmyre is also a member of the Royal Order of Jester at Troy. He is Past Exalted Ruler of Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Association of Past Exalted Rulers. For some years he has been a member of the Oasis Club at Troy. During the Spanish-American War, Mr. Whitmyre served from May to October, 1898, in Company F, 2d New York Regiment. A Methodist in religious faith, he is a member of the First Methodist Church in Schenectady.

In September, 1932, Clarence A. Whitmyre married Addie C. Gordon, of Cobleskill, New York, daughter of Lorenzo and Alice (Rockefeller) Gordon.

NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE—The school stands on a terrain one thousand feet above sea level commanding a beautiful view to the north and south of the foot hills of the Helderberg ranges, and to the east and west the famed Cobleskill Valley with the village of Cobleskill close by on the east.

On the hundred-acre farm of the school are four principal buildings, the Gymnasium, Dairy, Home Economics buildings and Frisbie Hall. This last building was named for the late Hon. Daniel D. Frisbie, of Middleburgh, who, as Speaker of the Assembly at Albany in 1911, was largely responsible for the passage of the law that authorized the creation of the institution. He became president of the official board of the school and to the close of his life gave time, work and money to its development.

The four buildings specified have as auxiliary, barns, poultry houses, greenhouses, workshops, in short are very thoroughly equipped to carry on their instructions in a practical way. Moreover there are prosperous dairy farms, Hudson Valley fruit farms and great garden areas all easily accessible, to provide supplemental instruction, and many near-by towns and cities (Albany is only forty miles away) offer special facilities for practice and placement in the home economics field, of institutional management and child training which, with agriculture, has a leading part in the school curricula.

The school first opened its doors to students on October 2, 1916, not a propitious time, with the World War on and our participation impending. That year only twelve enrolled for the two-year course. There are now over two hundred students, an average age of eighteen, three-tenths years. All applicants for a diploma must be high school graduates but a short winter course is provided for non-high school graduates.

The school is helpful in enabling the student to understand himself, and aptitude tests are given in the freshman year to ascertain the kind of work for which the student is best fitted. These tests cover general intelligence, reading ability, clerical ability, mechanical ability. In his progress through the courses, the student is provided with many extra-curricular activities or diversions. In athletics, basketball is the major sport, with a regular interschool schedule of fifteen to eighteen games; there is also an intra-mural tournament each year. There are two tennis courts and an intra-mural tennis tournament annually; also "barn yard golf" and lesser games.

The Alumni Association provides prizes for an annual speaking contest held in the early spring, and a student speaker is sent each year to a contest which the State Grange sponsors. The students publish an annual year book and a monthly paper, both known as "The Voice." There is a school orchestra and a chorus directed by members of the faculty. A dramatic club gives opportunities for staging, directing and participation in this field. Then there is the debating club affording discussions of current questions and the excitement and experience of debate with other schools and colleges, and a student council of twelve members is given an important rôle in directing the school's activities. Three fraternities and a sorority function on the campus, and there are various other means to meet the tastes of students in profitably employing their spare hours.

The school does not commit itself to finding employment for graduates but has helped materially in getting placements, and to this end keeps contact with individuals, firms and corporations for whose field the students are qualified, and this service is maintained after the student becomes an alumnus, thus assisting in promotions where performance warrants. Graduates of the two-year curriculum are eligible for examinations in the non-professional department of agriculture under the United States Civil Service Commission. In recommending students for positions the following qualities enter into serious consideration; personal appearance, as to dress and to books and other material handled; punctuality, as to daily habits, meeting financial obligations and duties required by the faculty; resourcefulness in meeting unexpected situations, perplexing problems in class, shop or laboratory; sense of responsibility; achievement standards including sustained effort; emotional stability in the face of justified criticism or advice for the students good, and finally personal relations, that is the student's disposition and ability in varied social and æsthetic activities in school and community affairs.

The foregoing outline is, of course, but a very general indication of the work of the school. Since it is State supported there is no tuition charge to residents of New

York State; others are charged a tuition fee of $100 per year. The curricula embrace live stock production, fruit, crop production, poultry production, agricultural business, agricultural economics, typing, accounting, salesmanship, credit and finance. The courses also include farm equipment sales and service, the dairy industry, and there are elective courses for regular students, such as floriculture, forestry, meteorology, entomology, ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers, with a special or short course from October to April for young men who have not completed high school.

The subdivisions in agriculture and in home economics are too elaborate to be enumerated here but it is evident that the program pursued is comprehensive, thorough and well planned to enable the student to meet all the severe competitive requirements of modern life in his chosen field. The teaching staff has seventeen members. The director of the school, whose career is recorded separately in this volume is A. E. Champlin, Ph. B.; agricultural economics head and assistant director is Emmons D. Day, B. S., and head of nutrition, home management and division of home economics, Margaret E. Prentice, Master of Arts. The purpose of her department is to provide on a two-year basis training for homemaking and for wage earning in fields of work related to homemaking. The curricula includes institutional management, food preparation, administration, equipment and furnishings, child behavior and guidance, equipment for routine and play, child health, practice in child guidance. The application of sound psychological principles in dealing with the everyday problems of children is the basis of the course.

The school has a standing board of visitors appointed by the Governor of New York. The present board consists of Jared Van Wagener, Jr., of Lawyersville, president; John W. Davis, Richmondville, treasurer; Peter G. Ten Eyck, Albany; Mrs. William H. Golding, Cobleskill; Henry V. Pinder, Middleburgh; George Pindar, of Seward. *Ex officio* members are Frank P. Graves, Commissioner of Education, and Holton V. Noyes, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, both of Albany, and Carl E. Ladd, of Ithaca, dean of the College of Agriculture of Cornell University.

ARCHIE E. CHAMPLIN—The important Cobleskill School of Agriculture and Home Economics, a description of which will be found elsewhere in this volume, has, as its present responsible director, Archie E. Champlin who was farm-raised and therefore knows the realities of farm life, together with the scientific studies of agriculture by government and by the schools.

He was born at Alfred, New York, December 25, 1883, son of Floyd S. Champlin and Eva (Lewis) Champlin. His parents were both natives of Allegany County, and his father was a successful farmer from whom the son acquired much practical knowledge. The latter was graduated from Alfred High School and from Alfred University as Bachelor of Philosophy in 1908, after which he had the experience of graduate work at Cornell University. He taught science at the Haverling High School in Bath, New York, one year, spent two years, from 1910 to 1912 in New York City, then returning to Alfred conducted a successful produce business until 1918, when he was engaged as an instructor in science at the State Agricultural School at Alfred, acquitting himself with such satisfaction that in 1921 he was appointed director of the school. He continued in that position until 1936 when he was appointed to the directorship of the Cobleskill School, where he has maintained his record as a good disciplinarian and at the same time as a congenial, liberal and efficient executive with an intelligent comprehension of the standpoint of the student, the parents and the State.

Professor Champlin is a member of the Baptist Church at Alfred, of University Lodge, No. 944, Free and Accepted Masons, of the Rotary Club and the State Vocational Teachers' Association.

Archie E. Champlin married (first), on September 20, 1912, Emma Bailey, of Hammondsport, New York; she died on November 3, 1921. Their children are Mary Elizabeth, born November 12, 1913, and William Henry, born April 29, 1919.

He married (second) Carol Stillman of Alfred, on October 17, 1923, and their children are Shirley Ann, born August 30, 1928, and Carlin Stillman, born July 29, 1930.

ARTHUR H. CONGDON, M. D.—One of Schenectady's leading professional workers, Dr. Arthur H. Congdon has specialized in allergy, and he now heads the Allergy Clinic at Ellis Hospital, a project of which he was the originator.

Dr. Congdon was born January 6, 1891, at Fort Plain, New York, son of Dr. Clark E. and Anna (Yawger) Congdon. His father, who was engaged in medical practice in Fort Plain for a half century, was born in 1868 in Auburn, New York, and is a graduate of Long Island Medical College. He died November 25, 1940. The mother, born in 1866 in Auburn, died in May, 1910.

Arthur H. Congdon attended public schools at Fort Plain, his birthplace, and, completing his high school studies there in 1911, became a student at Albany Medical College. Graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1915, he served an interneship at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, for one year, then began his practice of his profession in this city. His work was of a general nature, covering all branches of his profession, until, in 1937, he had postgraduate work in allergy at Roosevelt Hospital. Since that time he has specialized in treatment of allergy cases in Schenectady, and he is still a member of the medical staff of Ellis Hospital and head of the Allergy Clinic that he himself initiated. He is also active in the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In his political alignment Dr. Congdon is a staunch Republican. For seven years he served as county physician of Schenectady County, and school physician to School No. 20, his work in that connection comprising his major public activity. He has been continuously prominent in fraternal circles as a member of Corlear Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and he belongs to the Mohawk Golf Club. He worships in the Protestant Episcopal faith.

Dr. Arthur H. Congdon married, June 14, 1916, Edna Phillips, of Fort Plain, New York, daughter of George and Jennie (Hollis) Phillips. The one son of this marriage, Clark Arthur Congdon, born March 4, 1917, was graduated in 1939 from Green Mountain College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

CLARENCE M. GRIDLEY—One of Schenectady's leading business men, Clarence M. Gridley is head of C. M. Gridley & Son, Inc., a contracting firm, engaged principally in hauling and operating a fleet of forty-eight trucks.

Mr. Gridley was born April 29, 1872, in Middlefield, Otsego County, New York, son of George S. and Mary A. (Warner) Gridley, both now deceased. His father, a native of Clinton, Oneida County, was a farmer. The mother was born in Middlefield.

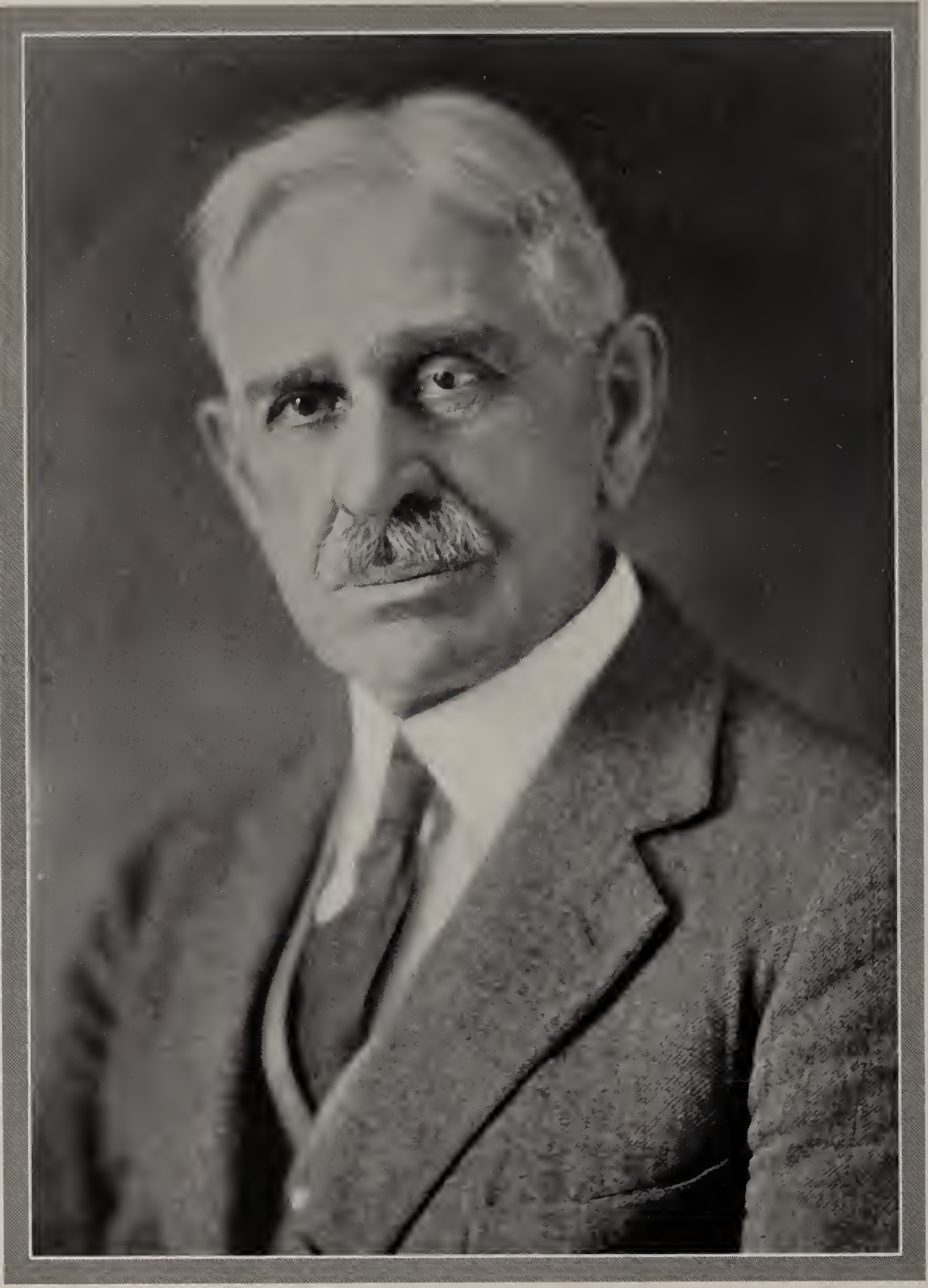
Public schools of Middlefield, his birthplace, furnished Clarence M. Gridley's early education, and after graduation from Waterville High School he took up farming in Oneida County, continuing in agricultural work, with which he had become familiar on the home farm, until 1897. At about that time he contracted for the building of several reservoirs in Utica, successfully performing the work placed in his charge while operating for the Sherman Construction Company. With the same organization he came to Amsterdam, New York, where he did extensive hauling on contract in connection with construction of the canal there. Next he came to Schenectady, beginning the completion of a series of contracts with the General Electric Company here and operating a business under his own name. Out of that work grew his present business, the enterprise of C. M. Gridley & Son, Inc., of which he is president, and his son, Munroe Clarence Gridley, treasurer. The firm is situated at No. 348 Schenectady Street, and approximately thirty people are on the payroll.

The equipment of the concern has long been motorized, but it is an interesting fact that the early success of the business depended largely on the fact that Mr. Gridley, Sr., was an exceptional judge of work horses. He used a great many draft animals in his contracting and made a study of the different types used and became the owner of a number of the very best sorts. It might be added that he is an equally excellent judge of race horses, and of equines in general. In fact the "sport of kings" has become one of his favorite hobbies. Over quite a long period he has been interested in trotting and pacing horses; he exhibited in various fairs; and also won more than a local reputation for driving in races on the ice. In addition to his business, Clarence M. Gridley is active in politics as a member of the Republican party. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the Methodist Church, on whose official board he serves.

Clarence M. Gridley married (first), in 1892, Mary A. Tutton, daughter of Oliver and Jeanette A. (Saulpaugh) Tutton. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Gridley married her sister, Maude E. Tutton, in June, 1902, and they became the parents of ten children: 1. Munroe Clarence, referred to above, associated with his father in business as treasurer of C. M. Gridley & Son, Inc.; he married Alice Mochon, and they became the parents of three children: Eleanor, Munroe, and Ronald Gridley. 2. Eleanor M., wife of Erwin J. Hyney; they have one daughter: Maude Alyce Hyney. 3. Jennie F., wife of George Abell. 4. George Tutton, married Kathlyn Ward; they have a son, Ward George Gridley. 5 and 6. Frank and Robert (twins). Frank Gridley married Dorothy Green, and they have two children: Sandra and Gary Gridley. Robert Gridley married Marie Sawyer, and they have one child: Warren Robert Gridley. 7. Jeanette M., wife of Albert A. Stansfield; they have a child, Jon Errol Stansfield. 8. John Day, married Anna Swere; they have a daughter: Joan Myra Gridley. 9. Marshall S., killed at the age of nine years. 10. Clifton Alton.

PETER JOSEPH McNEARNEY—For many years Peter Joseph McNearney has figured prominently in the life of the Schenectady community. He is treasurer of the Colonial Printing Company and a leading citizen of the district.

Mr. McNearney was born August 14, 1902, in Schenectady, New York, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Caslin) McNearney. His father, born in Ballston Spa, New York, was for many years an engineer on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad until his death on August 22, 1917, at which time he had spent thirty-eight years with the road. The mother was widely known in her home community. She died December 6, 1939.



W. L. J. Becker.

Peter Joseph McNearney attended St. John's Parochial School, in Schenectady, and after graduation from Schenectady High School he became a student at Albany Business College. Learning the printer's trade, he was associated for four years with the Maqua Printing Company. In 1925 he established the printing business known as the Colonial Printing Company, of which he is now treasurer. He is also treasurer of the Burch-Stratton Paper Company, in Schenectady, and since February 21, 1939, has been treasurer of the McNearney Brothers Bottling Company. The bottling organization had its inception in 1930, when Mr. McNearney's brother, James Michael McNearney (*q. v.*), started a firm for the bottling and distribution of soft drinks under his own name. Later the bottling and distribution of beer were added to the previous activities, and the company now does all the bottling for the Hedrick Brewing Company, of Albany. The name of McNearney Brothers was adopted in 1939, when Peter J. McNearney came into the business. The fine modern bottling plant was established, with an office, at No. 1707 State Street, Schenectady, in 1939, and the company employs twenty-nine people at the time of writing.

In addition to his work along these varied business lines, Peter Joseph McNearney is active in public affairs. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a Past President of the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and has served on the board of directors of the Knights of St. John. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Typographical Union and the Liederkranz. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Evangelist. In spare time Mr. McNearney enjoys the out-of-doors, and plays considerable golf when time permits, often being found on the links of the Iroquois Golf Club, of which he is a member.

Peter Joseph McNearney married, January 1, 1930, Isabelle Wheele, of Schenectady, daughter of Charles Wheele.

WELLINGTON DAVIS BECKER—It has been the good fortune of Schoharie County to have had such men as the late Wellington Davis Becker, of Cobleskill, whose whole lives have been spent in furthering the progress and betterment of their respective communities. Without ostentation they went about their various enterprises, in good times and bad; they never lacked time to attend to civic duties; were never so self-centered that they were not ready to lend a helping hand to organized humanitarian projects, or to aid the fellow-citizen who had been less successful.

Mr. Becker was born May 1, 1862, at Central Bridge, not far from Cobleskill and even less distant from Schoharie Village, the county seat. He was the son of Abram and Ellen (Wards) Becker, his father being the founder of a mill and feed business at Central Bridge. Both parents have long since gone to their reward and are remembered as among the middle generation of the pioneers of this section of New York.

Wellington Davis Becker went to the local red schoolhouse and the old Schoharie Academy. After being graduated, he entered the famous Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, then probably the best known school of business administration in the land, to which came students from all parts of the United States, although especially from the South. Many of the contacts made then were kept alive in after years and were a source of enjoyment and knowledge of business conditions in general all over our country. Upon returning home, Mr. Becker continued an association in business with his father, begun as a boy, and after the death of the older man, operated the concern until 1921, when he sold his holdings to Howard & Company.

Many will remember Mr. Becker best as a banker, for he was a founder of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Cobleskill, which opened its doors on July 17, 1893, and of which he was a director for a period of forty years, or until his death. He also was vice-president some time before he was elected president on January 12, 1915, a post he filled most capably through panic and prosperous years to the time of his passing in 1937. He also organized the Central Bridge Water Works and was very much to the fore in bringing public utilities to this place. He was a director and for many years president of this company down to 1937.

Fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Central Bridge, which, incidentally was named in his honor—Wellington Lodge, due in part to the fact that he was one of its originators. Mr. Becker was a member of Valley Lodge, No. 491, Free and Accepted Masons, at Schoharie. In business life he was a director of the Sterling Fire Insurance Company, and interested in other corporations. A Democrat in politics he was influential in party circles, and long had been active in the Chamber of Commerce. His religious associations were with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Central Bridge, where, and also in Cobleskill, he lived after 1921. In both places he was outstanding in the support of charitable and humanitarian organizations and movements.

Wellington Davis Becker married (first) Laura Dietz, who died shortly after their marriage. He married (second) Carrie E. Borst, who died February 3, 1928, and they were the parents of a daughter, Ella C., who married Percy Boyce, of Albany.

Mr. Becker married (third) Mrs. Carolyn V. (Gillespie) Livingston, daughter of John and Adelia Gillespie, of Altamont, both now deceased. John Gillespie was connected with the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad. Mrs. Becker was the widow of Avery C. Livingston, of Altamont, and had one daughter by her first marriage, Lela Mildred Livingston, who married John J. Shillinglaw, of Albany, and has two children: Ronald and James Stuart.

The death of Mr. Becker occurred at Cobleskill, on August 16, 1937, after suffering from a heart ailment for more than three years, during which time his wife had cared for him day and night. He was buried in Old Stone Fort Cemetery, and to his obsequies came leaders in many fields of human endeavor, and folk who loved him simply as their friend, "Wal" Becker. The feeling of everybody who knew him well was expressed in a letter written by his former pastor, the Rev. John C. Cole, one paragraph of which read:

> I do hope you will find much joy in the spiritual sense of Mr. Becker's nearness, and the feeling of a loyal wife's duty well and tenderly done. I can't think of Cobleskill being without Mr. Becker—a wonderful friend, solid Christian, who loved to make others happy. Our lives will be the poorer for not having him where we can see and hear him.

HENDRIK MARINUS ROZENDAAL, M. D.—In 1930 Dr. Hendrik Marinus Rozendaal came to the United States for postgraduate training in medicine and has since remained to continue his active professional career in this country. He is a specialist in internal medicine and practices in Schenectady, where he opened offices in 1937.

Dr. Rozendaal was born in the Netherlands, at Deventer, September 26, 1904, son of Johan A. C. and Wilhelmina (Huberts) Rozendaal. His father, born at Tilburg, the Netherlands, in 1873, is a dentist now practicing at Haarlem in his native land. The mother, who was born at Utrecht, the Netherlands, in 1880 is also still living.

Hendrik M. Rozendaal spent his early life in Holland. After the completion of his preliminary education in the public schools of Deventer, he studied at the University of Groningen, where he took the degree of Master of Arts in 1924, and subsequently prepared for the profession of medicine at the University of Leiden, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1928. His interneship was served in the General Hospital at Deventer. Meanwhile, Dr. Rozendaal won a fellowship to study at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and came to the United States in 1930. From 1930 to 1934 he was Fellow in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic and afterward until 1937 was first assistant in the Division of Internal Medicine there. At the end of this time he established his practice in Schenectady, limiting his activities to the field of internal medicine. Dr. Rozendaal's authority in this field is recognized. He is a member of the staff at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, and Albany Hospital; has been a Fellow of the American College of Physicians since 1937, and diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine; and is a member of the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society and Schenectady County Medical Society. He is also a member of the Alumni Association of the Mayo Clinic and various non-professional organizations, including the Schenectady Rotary Club and the Mohawk. Tennis is his favorite recreation.

On October 19, 1935, Dr. Rozendaal married Katherine Scranton, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Worthington and Marjorie M. (Warren) Scranton. Dr. and Mrs. Rozendaal have two children: Katherine Scranton, born February 4, 1937; and Jan Willem, born October 30, 1938.

ADSON JOSEPH HAIGHT—Carrying on an insurance business in Scotia, Adson Joseph Haight occupies a position of leadership and standing in this community.

Mr. Haight was born April 2, 1883, in Galen, Wayne County, New York, son of George Stockings and Lillie A. (Scott) Haight. His father, born in 1855 in Wayne County, New York, was a plumber and steamfitter by trade, operating his own business in Geneva, Waterloo and Scotia until his death on March 10, 1926. The mother was born at Junius, Seneca County, New York, in 1862, and died September 27, 1932.

Public schools at Geneva and Waterloo, New York, provided Adson Joseph Haight's early formal education. He was graduated from high school in Waterloo in 1903, then, in April, 1904, started work with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady. As an apprentice draftsman he took further studies with that company, finishing his course of study in 1908 and remaining thereafter with the General Electric Company until 1923. He served the company in different capacities until at length the condition of his health led him to resign from his connection there. He spent a year in recuperating, then entered the general insurance business under his own name, with offices at No. 135 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia, where he has remained down to the time of writing. He carries a general line of insurance and real estate, and is one of the accredited leaders along these lines in Scotia.

Mr. Haight is also a director, and was one of the organizers, of the Glenville Bank, of Scotia. He is a member of the Scotia Rotary Club. Historical research is his major avocation, and he is official historian of the village of Scotia, as well as historian of the Rotarians, among whom he is a charter member. Active in the Methodist Church, he was chairman and treasurer of the building committee in charge of the erection of the new church in

Scotia in 1925, and is at the time of writing a member of the board of trustees of the church. Fraternally Mr. Haight is a member of Beukendaal Lodge, No. 915, Free and Accepted Masons and a Past Noble Grand of Scotia Lodge, No. 845, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to Schenectady Lodge, No. 251, Loyal Order of Moose.

Adding a variety of public service to his other activities, Mr. Haight was mayor of Scotia from 1931 to 1933. He served in 1915 and 1916 as treasurer of the village, and in 1918 and 1919 he was a trustee of the village. He is a consistent Republican in politics and a warm supporter of his party's policies and principles.

Adson Joseph Haight married, June 8, 1909, Edith A. Lewis, of Scotia, New York, daughter of Evan and Jane (Edwards) Lewis, both of whom came to this country from Wales. A daughter, Jane Scott Haight, was born February 27, 1913.

AMEDEO H. VOLPE—Engaged successfully in the practice of law in Schenectady, Amedeo H. Volpe has developed an extensive private clientele.

Mr. Volpe was born February 16, 1912, in Schenectady, New York, son of Michael and Giulia (Ortica) Volpe, both natives of Italy. Amedeo H. Volpe attended public schools in Schenectady, and in January, 1930, was graduated from high school here. In 1934 he was graduated from Syracuse University, and in 1936 he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Law School there. Admitted to the bar of New York State in 1937, he at once began the practice of law under his own name, carrying on a general practice down to the time of writing.

In addition to his own work in the law, Mr. Volpe belongs to the Schenectady County Bar Association and other professional groups. He is attorney for Breslaw Brothers' chain furniture store. Politically he is a Democrat. He serves as chairman of the Italian Community Center in Schenectady, and is active in the Roman Catholic Church. In leisure time he enjoys handball and golf, as well as other amateur sports. At one time he did a great deal of work as a promoter of amateur boxing matches in Schenectady.

On November 19, 1936, Amedeo H. Volpe married Josephine Monda, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Pasquale and Elizabeth (Di Lello) Monda.

ARTHUR C. WARD—Extensively engaged in the practice of law in Schenectady, Arthur C. Ward specializes in the law of domestic relations.

Mr. Ward was born July 24, 1894, in Schenectady, New York, son of Albert and Ellen (Kelly) Ward and member of an old and honorable family. His great-grandfather, Albert Ward, owned and operated a tavern in Schenectady. The grandfather, Myndert Ward, born in this city, served for eighteen years here as coroner, and also was associated with the New York Central Railroad. The father, Albert Ward, born in Schenectady, in 1870, died in 1928, was for many years associated with the American Locomotive Company in this city. He married Ellen Kelly, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, and who died November 1, 1940.

Their son, Arthur C. Ward, has spent most of his life in the city of his family. He attended the public schools here, was graduated from high school in 1913, and in 1916 was graduated from Albany Law School as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of New York State in that same year, he returned to Schenectady to begin his active practice, and here he has continued his domestic relations practice down to the time of writing. He is a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association and of other professional groups.

Also taking a deep interest in civic affairs in his community, Mr. Ward is a member of Schenectady Post, No. 21, of the American Legion. He is a Republican in his political views, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. During the World War he served in the 13th Company, 152d Depot Brigade, at Camp Upton, New York, until he was honorably discharged from the army on December 22, 1918.

Arthur C. Ward married, September 18, 1940, Marion Denyes, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Earl C. and Ella (Tysic) Denyes. The Wards have two children, both of Mr. Ward's earlier marriage: Richard Ward, born in 1920. 2. Ellen Patricia Ward, born in 1927.

LEO WINSTON SPIRA—As a member of the firm of Spira and Hershkowitz, Leo Winston Spira carries on an extensive law practice at Schenectady. He has been a member of the Schenectady bar since 1932 and during the course of his professional career has also been active in other phases of the city's life.

Mr. Spira was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 7, 1905, a son of Isidore J. and Annie (Werner) Spira. His father, who was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1878, came to the United States in 1898 and entered the insurance business, which he has followed in Brooklyn, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and for some years past in Schenectady, where he has offices under his own name. The mother, who was also born in Vienna, Austria, in 1882, came to the United States with her parents at the age of three. She died on March 19, 1939.

Leo Winston Spira received his preliminary education in the public schools of Springfield, Massachusetts, and of Schenectady, where he was graduated from high school in 1923. Subsequently he entered Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927, spent one year in graduate work at Harvard University, leading to the degree of Master of Arts in 1928 and then returned to New York to prepare for his profession at Albany Law School. From this institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1931. In March, 1932, he was admitted to the New York bar and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of his profession in the city of Schenectady. As senior member of the firm of Spira and Hershkowitz since 1937, he has carried on a general practice, appearing successfully in all courts.

Mr. Spira is a member of the New York State and the Schenectady County Bar associations. He has interested himself in public affairs and in 1936 was a delegate to the judicial convention held at Lake Placid. From the outset of his career he has been active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce movement and in 1940 was elected vice-president of the New York State Junior Chamber of Commerce. At Schenectady, he has been an officer and director of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce during the past six years and is now its secretary. Mr. Spira is a Republican in politics and is affiliated with the Chi Pi Phi, Kappa Nu and Tau Epsilon Rho fraternities. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, and St. George's Chapter, No. 157, Royal Arch Masons; and with Zion Lodge, No. 909, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In September, 1940, as a result of the current defense emergency, he enlisted in the New York Home Guard. Mr. Spira is a member of Nott Terrace Synagogue in Schenectady. Fishing and golf are his favorite recreations, and his civic work has been his principal hobby.

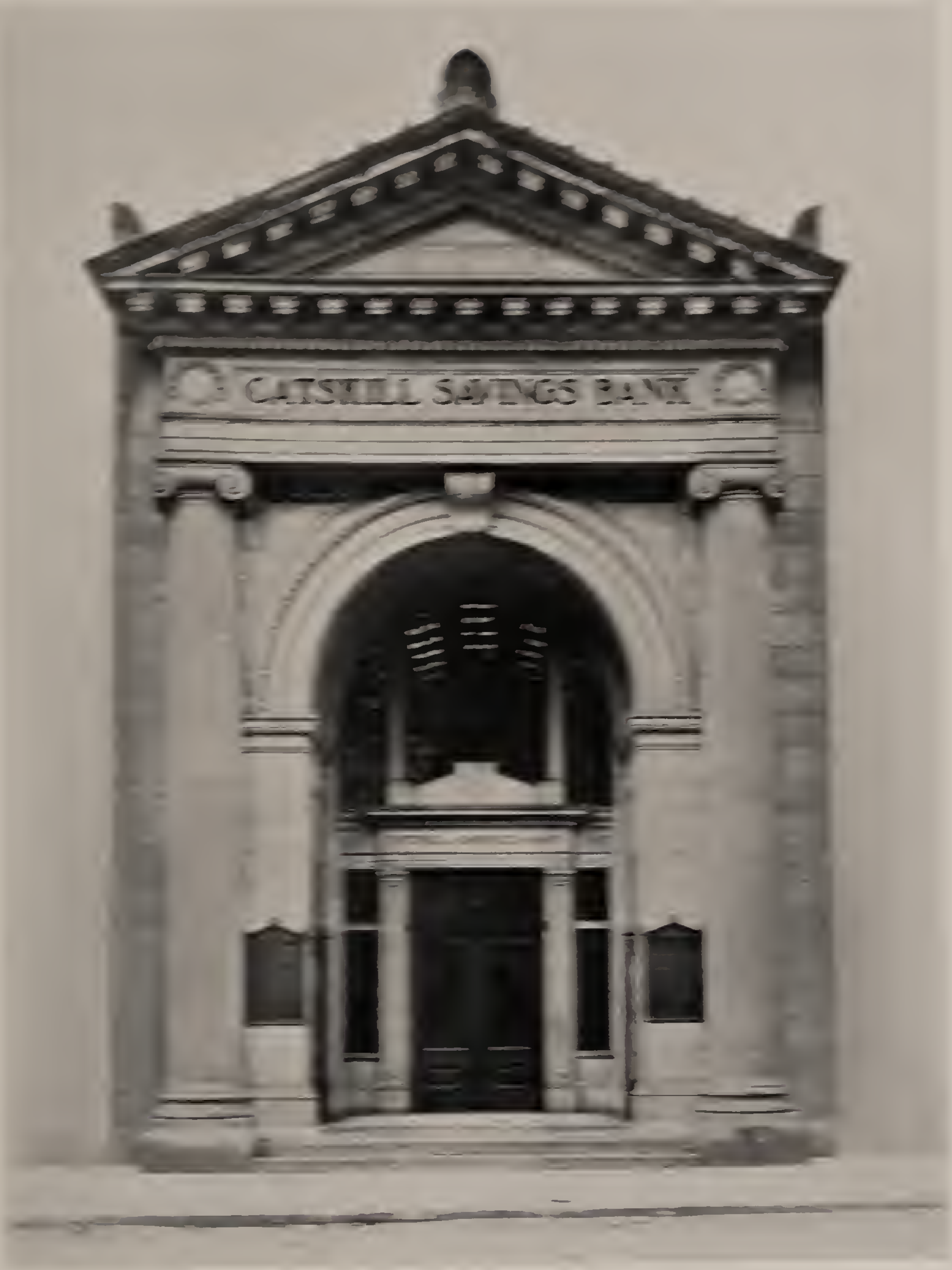
On March 25, 1931, Leo Winston Spira married Dorothy Golub, of Schenectady, a daughter of Lewis and Tillie (Gurkin) Golub. They are the parents of three children: Herbert Lawrence, born on November 21, 1933; and Ronald Winston and Lois Carole (twins), born September 4, 1936.

THE CATSKILL SAVINGS BANK—The Catskill Savings Bank at Catskill is the only institution of its kind in Greene County. Incorporated by special act of the Legislature, passed April 1, 1868 (Chapter 96 of Laws of 1868), the bank began business on July 24, 1868, in the main room of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill. These quarters it occupied for over forty years. In June, 1909, it moved into its own building adjoining the Tanners National Bank and then just completed.

The bank's first officers were: John Breasted, president; George Beach, vice-president; Rufus H. King, treasurer; and Edgar Russell, secretary. The first trustees were: S. Sherwood Day, John Breasted, Samuel Harris, Rufus H. King, Jacob H. Meech, George Griffin, Elijah P. Bushnell, Frederick Cooke, John H. Bagley, Jr., Burton G. Morse, John A. Griswold, Luke Roe, Edward N. Hubbell, Sheldon A. Givens, Charles L. Beach, George Beach, George Robertson, Isaac Pruyn, John M. Donnelly, Francis N. Wilson, Nelson Fanning, Manly B. Mattice, Edgar Russell and Joseph Hallock. On October 5, 1874, the number of trustees was reduced from twenty-four to eighteen and on January 2, 1878, was again reduced to fifteen, the present number of the board. A savings bank trustee is prohibited by law from receiving any compensation as such, and has no interest directly or indirectly in the profits of the institution.

The Catskill Savings Bank was founded as an institution where people with moderate incomes could deposit their money in small amounts and be sure of getting it again when needed. Safety of principal has always been the main consideration of the trustees. A large interest rate on money deposited was never promised or intended. Nevertheless, the bank has paid its depositors to January 1, 1941, interest in excess of $7,000,000. Depositors in this bank are insured in the Mutual Savings Banks Fund. There are no stockholders, and all profits are paid to depositors, or added to the surplus fund. Interest on deposits begins from the first of each month and is credited to accounts semi-annually on January first and July first of each year. As of January 1, 1941, the bank had 7,773 depositors and the total deposits amounted to $7,401,984.22. The school savings system was installed in the Catskill public schools through the Catskill Savings Bank on March 15, 1927. There are now about 1,500 such accounts, with a total average weekly deposit, during the school term, of from $150 to $200. School savings deposits amount to $8,668.33. Total assets of the Catskill Savings Bank as of January 1, 1941, were $8,962,647.53, with surplus, at investment value, amounting to $1,543,927.34. The present quarters of the bank, the building at No. 341 Main Street, Catskill, occupied since June, 1909, constitute a model banking house, equipped with modern bookkeeping and posting machines, York Safe & Lock Company modern vault, safe deposit boxes and all other necessary facilities.

The present officers of the institution, who continue the distinguished tradition of their predecessors, are: Addison P. Jones (*q. v.*), president; Albert C. Bloodgood, first vice-president; John L. Fray, second vice-president; Wendell S. Sherman, treasurer-secretary; and C. Edsall Fiester, assistant secretary. The board of trustees is composed of: Albert C. Bloodgood, Addison P. Jones, J. Clark Salisbury, Howard C. Smith, John L. Fray, Raymond E. Smith, Wendell S. Sherman, C. Edsall Fiester, Floyd F. Jones, Howard E. Muller, Frederick W. Goodrich, Leon L. Parker, M. Edward Silber-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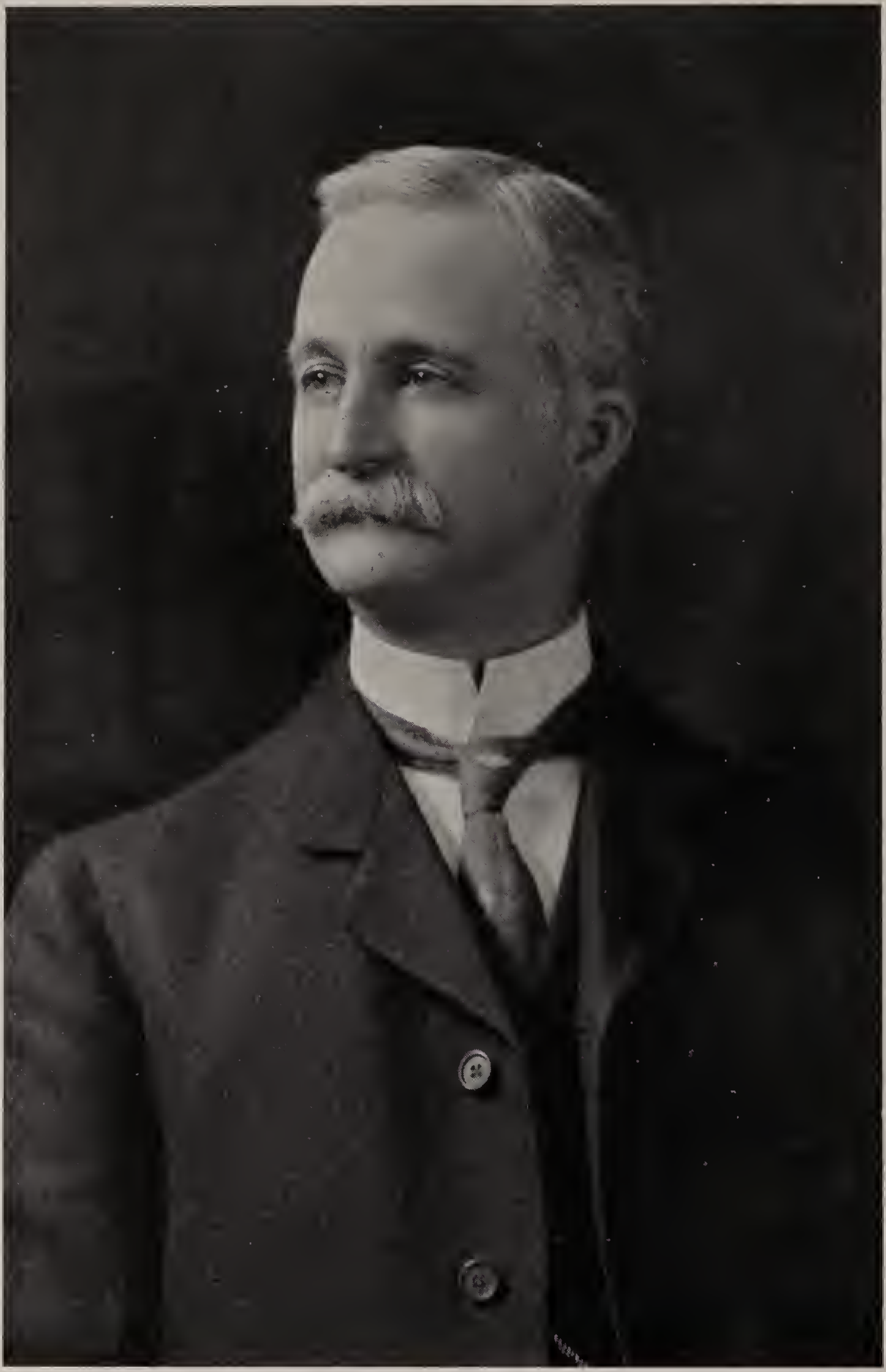

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stein, Richard C. Kennedy and John C. Bagley. The present employees are: Richard C. Kennedy, Lester Lindsey, Florence Fiero, Eleanor B. Guldenstern, Barbara F. Craigie and George Mulbury.

The Catskill Savings Bank is now in its seventy-third year in business. Its long history has been characterized by steady growth under sound and able management, as a result of which the interests of depositors have been safeguarded at all times and the institution has fully discharged its duties and responsibilities to the community. The year 1941 marks the 125th anniversary of mutual savings banks in the United States and the Catskill Savings Bank is justly proud of its record as such an institution.

W. IRVING JENNINGS—Although trained to the profession of law and for some years engaged in active practice, W. Irving Jennings devoted the greater part of his career to the financial responsibilities he assumed as president of the Catskill Savings Bank. For a quarter of a century he administered the affairs of this institution with sound judgment and sure vision, adding to the prestige and strength of the bank and winning in banking circles the distinguished position which he occupied until his death.

Mr. Jennings was born in Jefferson, town of Catskill, Greene County, on May 2, 1851, son of Daniel Dean Jennings, who was born at Freehold, and Elizabeth (Souser) Jennings, born at Jefferson. After the completion of his general education in the district schools of Jefferson and at Catskill Free Academy, he began the study of law with the firm of Olney and King, composed of Danford K. Olney and Rufus King, then leading lawyers of eastern New York. On June 6, 1872, he was admitted to the New York bar. Continuing as clerk with the law firm of King and Hallock, successor to Olney and King, he became a partner of Mr. Hallock in 1880, when Mr. King retired. At that time the firm of Hallock and Jennings was organized. Emory A. Chase, later one of the judges of the New York State Court of Appeals, was at this time a clerk in the office. He remained a member of the office force and on his admission to the bar about a year later, became a partner in the firm.

In the fall of 1890, Rufus King, who was then president of the Catskill Savings Bank, died. Mr. Hallock, retiring from legal practice, became his successor as head of the bank. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Chase continued the practice of law under the name of Jennings and Chase until the fall of 1896, when, upon the election of Mr. Chase to the Supreme Court bench, Mr. Jennings and Frank H. Osborn became partners under the firm name of Jennings and Osborn. This firm carried on its extensive practive from the offices occupied by all the firms above referred to, located in an office building on the site now occupied by the new building of the Catskill Savings Bank.

Meanwhile, on January 2, 1895, Mr. Jennings had been elected president of the Catskill Savings Bank, with whose affairs he first became associated as a trustee on May 5, 1885, succeeding the late Sherwood S. Day. Following his election as president he endeavored for several years to continue his law work along with his banking duties, but the pressure of affairs became too great and on May 1, 1898, he retired from the firm of Jennings and Osborn and from the legal practice in which he had won an eminent position at the bar. During the remainder of his career he devoted his time to the management of the Catskill Savings Bank and to the care of numerous trusts, which came to him with great frequency.

Mr. Jennings was also a director of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill from 1885 onward and of the National Bank of Coxsackie for many years. His attainments and notable record made him one of the leading bankers in eastern New York and his influence was widely felt. He was equally well known in his social relationships, through his intimate contacts with leading figures in this and other states, and as one of Catskill's first citizens, whose interests touched and enriched all aspects of the village life. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Catskill, for several years was an officer of the church and for over thirty years was superintendent of its Sunday school.

On November 22, 1880, he married Annie C. Kortz.

W. Irving Jennings died on May 5, 1923, after a long and active career which brought him honor as well as success and a secure place in the regard of many who knew and valued his character and attainments.

ADDISON PORTER JONES—As president of the Catskill Savings Bank, Addison P. Jones has made a substantial contribution to the financial and business life of his native community and its people and institutions. He has been connected for many years with this bank and with banking affairs generally in the Catskill region.

Mr. Jones was born in Catskill on August 22, 1877, son of George Howard and Ione Elizabeth (Lusk) Jones and a member of a prominent local family. His paternal grandfather, for whom he was named, was State Senator from the Catskill district, serving at the time the State Capitol was built in Albany, and for a period of years was a member and chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. He was also a director of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill and a trustee of the Catskill Savings Bank, with both of which his grandson and namesake is connected. George Howard Jones, the father, was for many years a leading member of the Greene County bar and for several years, county district attorney. In earlier life he served an enlistment in the State militia, now the New York National Guard. The mother, Ione Elizabeth (Lusk) Jones, was born in Coxsackie.

Addison Porter Jones received his general education in the public schools of Catskill and at Catskill Free Academy. From the latter institution, he spent three years with the Catskill dry goods firm of H. L. Boughton and then entered the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, from which he was graduated in 1896. From 1897 to 1900 he was engaged in the grocery business at Catskill with his brother. On February 2, 1901, he entered the employ of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill as discount clerk and general bookkeeper, an association he continued until December, 1910, when he joined the operating force of the Catskill Savings Bank as clerk. Mr. Jones' previous banking experience and demonstrated qualifications for larger responsibilities soon brought him advancement in the institution. On September 3, 1912, he was elected a trustee of the bank. In 1918, he was appointed assistant secretary and in 1923, was elected secretary. This office he occupied until 1937. Meanwhile, in 1927, he was also elected second vice-president. When the presidency of the Catskill Savings Bank fell vacant in 1937, Mr. Jones, who for years had borne conspicuous responsibilities in its management, was elected executive head of the bank. He has served as president since that time, directing its operations with a sure hand.

Mr. Jones also continues his association with the Tanners National Bank as director. In addition to his banking connections, he was for some years a partner of Jones, Golden & Jones, an insurance and real estate firm, serving as such until that firm was sold to Harring & Harring in 1935. Throughout his career he has taken an enlightened interest in civic affairs and in latter years has several times been called into the sphere of public service. During the World War period he was chairman of one of the Red Cross drives. The quota for Greene County was $10,000 and Mr. Jones had doubts of their ability to raise it. However, he personally organized committees in every town in the county and when the drive was ended had raised $24,000. In August, 1926, Mr. Jones was elected a member of the Board of Education of Catskill Union Free School District No. 1, and was president of the board from January 6, 1934, until his resignation on April 11, 1938, during which time the new Junior-Senior High School was erected. On April 23, 1932, Mr. Jones was also appointed a member of the New York State Bridge Authority by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt and was successively reappointed to this body by Governor Herbert H. Lehman on January 18, 1935, March 13, 1935, January 24, 1938, and February 4, 1941, the last appointment for the three-year term which he is now serving. On February 13, 1936, he was elected chairman of the New York State Bridge Authority and is still serving in this capacity, having been reëlected on February 7, 1941. He has been a member of the authority since it was first constituted to build and operate the Rip Van Winkle Bridge at Catskill, and to operate the mid-Hudson Bridge at Poughkeepsie. In September, 1940, the State of New York purchased the Bear Mountain Bridge and the management of this bridge is also under the Bridge Authority.

Mr. Jones is a Democrat in politics and is past treasurer and past president of the Rip Van Winkle Club of Catskill, of which he has been a member since 1906. A prominent Episcopal layman, he was elected to the vestry of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church in Catskill in 1910, has served the church variously as financial secretary and treasurer and at present is senior warden.

On October 8, 1902, Addison Porter Jones married Alice Annette Whittaker, of Catskill, daughter of Howard and Amelia Elizabeth (Mitchell) Whittaker. They are the parents of one daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, born July 27, 1917, married, September 12, 1939, Roger Lyle Demeritt. She is a graduate of Skidmore College.

LEO F. MULHOLLAND—Since 1917 Leo F. Mulholland has served as an engineer of tests with the American Locomotive Company, with headquarters in Schenectady.

Mr. Mulholland was born November 18, 1886, son of Francis P. and Margaret (Ryan) Mulholland. His father was a native of County Louth, Ireland, and was a blacksmith by trade, coming to America and practicing his craft in Dunkirk, New York, which was Leo F. Mulholland's birthplace. He died in August, 1919. The mother, a native of Canton, Pennsylvania, died in 1917.

Leo F. Mulholland attended public schools in Dunkirk, and was graduated from high school there in 1906. He had a special course in chemistry with the American Locomotive Company, in the Schenectady shops, with actual shop practice as laboratory work, and he added to this a three-year chemical course at the Mechanics' Institute, in Richmond, Virginia. He was connected with the American Locomotive Company's plants in Richmond, Montreal, Pittsburgh, Paterson (New Jersey), and Dunkirk and Schenectady (New York) in the period that followed, and in the fall of 1917 became an engineer of tests in Schenectady. He spent two years also with the "Frisco" Lines and the New York Central Railroad for the purpose of receiving special training. His accomplishments in the engineering and technical worlds have been noteworthy, and have brought him the respect and admiration of many associates and friends.

Addison P. Jones.

Along with this work, Mr. Mulholland has also shouldered several civic responsibilities. A Republican in his political views, he was for six years a member of the Scotia Board of Education and for two years tax collector of Union Free School District No. 2. For four years he served on the council of the town of Glenville, and at the time of writing he is serving his second year as a village trustee of Scotia. He is a charter member and past president of the Scotia Rotary Club and a past president of the Scotia Chamber of Commerce, and is also a charter director of the Glenville Bank, in Scotia. For four years, while living in Richmond, Virginia, Mr. Mulholland was a member of the Light Infantry Blues, Virginia National Guard. He worships in the Roman Catholic faith.

Leo F. Mulholland married, August 15, 1914, in Richmond, Virginia, Ada M. (Gunn) Ellis, widow of Harry T. Ellis of that city; and they became the parents of three children: Margaret F., Jean W., and Mary A. Mulholland. Mrs. Mulholland had three children by her first marriage: Harry I., Edith E., and Berkley D. Ellis.

SEYMOUR C. SNELL—A native of Schenectady, with broad experience and training in the medical profession, Seymour C. Snell is eminently fitted for his work as medical supervisor of the city.

Mr. Snell was born August 4, 1906, in Schenectady, New York, son of Seymour J. and Leonora Mae (Crandall) Snell, a direct descendant of early Dutch settlers on both the paternal and maternal sides. His great-great-great-great-grandfather was General Nicholas Herkimer, of Revolutionary War fame. Seymour J. Snell, born March 19, 1868, in Jacksonburg, New York, was for many years a machinist with the General Electric Company here until his retirement. The mother, Mrs. Leonora Mae (Crandall) Snell, was born at Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada, and died April 14, 1937.

Public schools at Schenectady provided Seymour C. Snell's early education, and after graduation from high school in 1926 he went to Alfred University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science there in 1930. He determined to study medicine and attended Albany Medical College. Meanwhile, he came, in 1932, to the city of Schenectady as medical supervisor, in which post he has since served with headquarters in City Hall. In addition to his medical training, Mr. Snell has had valuable studies in social welfare work at the New York School of Social Work, which doubly equips him for his present duties.

Aside from his work with the city, Mr. Snell figures prominently in other civic affairs. A Republican, he is his party's committeeman in the Twelfth Ward, Fourth District. He was a member of the committee in charge of preparation for the popular Americanization Week, from June 10 to 14, 1940, in the city of Schenectady. Of wide affiliations, he belongs to Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was Exalted Ruler in 1940, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is a member of University Lodge, No. 944, of Alfred, New York; Hornell Chapter, No. 101, Royal Arch Masons, and the Order of De Molay (in which he is a charter member). He also is active in the Delta Sigma Nu fraternity, which he joined in his student days, and the Delta Sigma Phi. Active in Pilgrim Congregational Church, Mr. Snell served for several years as a leader in the Sunday School Basketball League, of which he is one of the charter members. Enjoying all forms of healthful outdoor sports, he derives special satisfaction from fishing and golf. He represented Schenectady High School in track and cross country contests and Alfred University in track, basketball and wrestling.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH AND HIGH SCHOOL—The history of St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church in Schenectady dates back to the early years of the century, when the parish was first established. The first mass was said on December 25, 1907, and the present church edifice at the corner of Craig and Emmett streets, Schenectady, was then brought to completion. The first pastor of St. Columba's was Msgr. John T. Slattery.

As the parish grew, the need for complete Catholic educational facilities became more pressing and on April 8, 1922, the present modern parochial school was begun, under the direction of the Rev. John J. Lynch, who was pastor until his death February 5, 1928. St. Columba's School was dedicated by Bishop Gibbons on September 2, 1923, and classes began on September 10, 1923. After Father Lynch's death the Rev. William H. White directed the school until his death on December 2, 1934. The school, which is taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph, now has four hundred and forty-one enrolled pupils. Its curriculum embraces both the grade school and high school courses, and it is a fully accredited institution, being chartered by the University of the State of New York. St. Columba's parish itself is composed of about five hundred and fifty families.

The present pastor of St. Columba's is the Rev. Christopher J. A. King, who was born in Troy. After the completion of his preliminary education, he prepared for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York, and was ordained in Albany on July 2, 1912, by Bishop Burke. Father King was assigned to St. Columba's Church, Schenectady, on January 19, 1935, following the death of the Rev. William H. White, and has since been in charge of the parish, continuing the labors of his predecessors as administrative head of the parish and spiritual leader of his flock. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic organizations, and in his six years of service here he has won a definite place for himself in the city's life.

ARTHUR F. PITKIN—Since the early years of the century, Arthur F. Pitkin has been associated with the American Locomotive Company, which he has served in many positions of responsibility. He is now chairman of the manufacturing committee of the company at Schenectady.

Mr. Pitkin was born at Providence, Rhode Island, on November 4, 1881, son of Albert Johnson and Caroline L. (Lane) Pitkin. His father, who had a major rôle in the early development of the American Locomotive Company, was superintendent of the Schenectady plant from 1881 onward and was president of the company at the time of his death in October, 1905. He was also an influential civic leader at Schenectady, contributing substantially to many of its institutions, including the public library, and to its general civic life.

Arthur F. Pitkin received his preliminary education in the public schools and subsequently entered Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, New Jersey, where he received his training in mechanical engineering. In 1901 he joined the American Locomotive Company and has since continued his active connection with the organization. In 1906-07, he was foreign representative of the company and over the past forty years has served in virtually all its departments. In 1923 he became assistant superintendent of the Schenectady plant, whose operations he supervised until 1940. Since 1940 he has been chairman of the manufacturing committee of the company, in which capacity his wide knowledge and long experience are constantly available to effect a solution of manufacturing problems and in shaping major plant policies.

Mr. Pitkin, a past president of the Society of Engineers of Eastern New York, is well known in his profession. He is also active in the civic life of Schenectady, continuing the tradition established by his father and long connected with the family name. He has been especially interested in the Schenectady Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is a director and past president, and in church work. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and over a long period has served as a deacon of his church. Mr. Pitkin is also a member of the Schenectady Rotary Club. He is a Republican in politics and finds his principal recreation in camping and outdoor life and in cabinet work. In his own well-equipped shop he has produced, as a hobby, many pieces of fine furniture.

Mr. Pitkin was married in 1903 and has three children: 1. Albert J., born October 18, 1906, married Rosalie Matthews and has one daughter, Elise. 2. Mary P., wife of Oscar F. Olsen, of Northport, Long Island. They have three children: Joan, Frederick and Kirsten. 3. John B., born May 16, 1915. He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, took his Master's degree in aeronautical engineering and is now associated with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Burbank, California. He married Marin Forsythe, of Burbank.

GEORGE B. SMITH—For more than thirty years, George B. Smith has been active at the New York bar, practicing in Schenectady where he is a member of the firm of Borst and Smith, the city's oldest law partnership to continue down to the present as originally constituted. He is one of Schenectady's best known lawyers.

Born at Camden, New York, on May 29, 1885, Mr. Smith is a son of Thomas Briton and Margaret (Lockard) Smith. His father, who was born in Rome, New York, in 1854, was engaged in the ice business at Camden for forty years and is now retired. The mother, born at Rome in 1855, died on August 2, 1940.

George B. Smith received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace and subsequently entered Hamilton College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1908. He prepared for the bar at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated in 1910, and upon his admission to practice in the same year, he launched his professional career in Schenectady. In 1912, with Homer J. Borst (*q. v.*), he formed the present law firm of Borst and Smith, beginning an association which has continued without interruption during the intervening years. This firm has long enjoyed an important practice, centering in the fields of corporation law, estate and surrogate's practice and general trial work in civil causes.

Mr. Smith is attorney for the Mohawk Bank of Schenectady, in addition to other present professional connections, and in past years, from 1920 to 1923, served as corporation counsel of the city of Schenectady. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Schenectady County Bar Society and of various non-professional organizations, including St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons; the Mohawk Club and the Mohawk Golf Club. Mr. Smith is a Democrat in politics and a member of State Street Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, on whose board of trustees he has served. Fond of outdoor sports, he finds his principal recreation in football and golf.

On January 10, 1912, George B. Smith married Fontella Farnsworth, of Camden, New York, daughter of Theron A. Farnsworth. They are the parents of two children: 1. Donald F., born November 13, 1913. He was graduated from Amherst College with the degree of

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Bachelor of Arts in 1935 and from Harvard Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1938. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he is now associated in practice with his father in the Schenectady law firm of Borst and Smith. 2. Helen E., who was graduated from Mt. Holyoke College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1936 and from Columbia University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1937. She married Robert C. Cooney, of Long Island City, New York, and has one son, Stephen R. Cooney.

HOMER JOHN BORST—As lawyer and referee in bankruptcy, Homer John Borst is prominent in legal circles of Schenectady. His professional reputation rests on his successful record during the thirty years he has devoted to practice in this city as a member of the firm of Borst and Smith, Schenectady's oldest law partnership.

Mr. Borst was born at Fort Plain, Montgomery County, on July 7, 1886, son of Henry V. and Alida (Yerdon) Borst. His father, born at Lawyersville, Schoharie County, practiced law in Amsterdam for many years and served on the bench as a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York in this district. He died in November, 1925. The mother, Alida (Yerdon) Borst, was born at Fort Plain and died in 1917.

Homer John Borst received his early education in the public schools of Amsterdam, where he was graduated from high school in 1903, and at Phillips Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire, where he was a member of the class of 1905. Subsequently he entered Harvard, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1909 and the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Harvard Law School in 1911. In November of the latter year he was admitted to the New York bar and began his practice in Schenectady, where his activities have since centered. In 1912, with George B. Smith (*q. v.*), he organized the law firm of Borst and Smith, now the oldest law firm in Schenectady to be continued by the original partners. With the development of this practice, Mr. Borst took his place among the leading members of the Schenectady bar. With his associates, he specializes in corporation practice, surrogate work and negligence cases, but the litigation in which he has appeared has been varied. He has been admitted to all courts and argues frequently on appeals. In 1922, Mr. Borst was appointed referee in bankruptcy at Schenectady and has since served in this capacity. The district in which he so acts has been broadened in recent years and now includes four counties, namely, Schenectady, Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties. As county attorney of Schenectady County in 1922, he added to his professional record while carrying on important public service.

Mr. Borst is a director and vice-president of the Mohawk National Bank of Schenectady. He is a trustee of Ingersoll Memorial for Aged Men and has been active in behalf of other community movements and institutions. Fraternally he is affiliated with St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Borst is also a member of the Mohawk Golf Club and the Mohawk Club. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Golf is his major recreation and principal hobby.

On September 7, 1911, Homer John Borst married Florence M. Serviss, of Amsterdam, daughter of John G. and Charlotte (Bussing) Serviss. They are the parents of a son, Vroman Schuyler, born June 2, 1912, who married Verelyn Brown, of Schenectady, and has one son, Schuyler Vroman Borst.

ELI W. SHELMANDINE—Schoharie County, New York, in its long history never reëlected a sheriff until it made an exception of Eli W. Shelmandine, who is now serving his third term.

The Shelmandine family has long been settled in the county, especially in the Blenheim section, where the town was organized sixteen years after the end of the American Revolution, March 17, 1797. The sheriff is a member of the fourth generation from Henry Shelmandine, whose son married Gertrude Mattice, and was the father of Isaac W., who married Ida Spickerman, daughter of Eli and Catherine (Baldwin) Spickerman.

The children of Isaac W. and Ida (Spickerman) Shelmandine were: 1. Eli W., with whom this record is primarily concerned. 2. Ervin, born May 4, 1890, who is the proprietor of Shelmandine's Restaurant at Middleburgh, New York. He married Anita Harrington, and has a son, Francis, and a daughter, Barbara. 3. Edward, born December 27, 1897, who in after years moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he died in 1939. His widow lives in Kansas City. 4. Edna, born December 15, 1899, married Otis Lawyer, a farmer of Blenheim. They are the parents of five children. 5. Ella, born August, 1901, married Ralph Keyser, of Blenheim. They had three children, two of whom are living.

Eli W. Shelmandine was born June 15, 1887, in the town of Blenheim. He attended the district schools and was associated with his father on the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age. He had three years' experience in rural delivery mail service out of Middleburgh, before returning to Blenheim. In 1926 he was elected to serve a three-year term as sheriff. In 1929 his successor was shot by a prisoner and in 1930 Mr. Shelmandine was nominated and elected again and for the first time the long-standing tradition of no second term for a sheriff was broken. He acted from 1931 through 1933, then joined A. L. Parsons & Sons (*q. v.*) at Central Bridge. Schoharie County called him to his former post in 1939 and he is now fulfilling the responsibilities of an office which he always has discharged efficiently and courageously, without fear or favor. His exploits in office have frequently been given publicity in the press for the activities of an officer, who by intelligence, experience and persistency "gets his man" must always be matters of general interest. One record that he has made approaches the unique; he has secured confessions from every man indicted by the Grand Jury, thus saving Schoharie County thousands of dollars in costs of prosecution. Fraternally, Sheriff Shelmandine is affiliated with Jefferson Lodge, No. 554, Free and Accepted Masons.

On September 14, 1914, at Blenheim, New York, Eli W. Shelmandine married Marion Jones, daughter of Fred P. and Nellie (Wood) Jones. She was born at Blenheim Hill, November 5, 1894, and is a graduate of the Stamford, New York, High School. Her father is clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Schoharie County. Sheriff and Mrs. Shelmandine have one son, Robert J., born November 5, 1917. He was graduated from Schoharie High School and was chosen from a class of forty, for the faculty award, having attained honor in scholastic achievement, music, dramatics, literary work and athletics. He was a *cum laude* graduate of the College of Liberal Arts of Syracuse University in 1939. In the autumn of 1940 he entered Albany Medical College.

STUART FORBES MacMILLAN, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Schenectady, Dr. Stuart Forbes MacMillan specializes in surgical work and is widely known in his profession and in the general ranks of citizens in this area.

Dr. MacMillan was born July 9, 1899, in Schenectady, New York, son of William Forbes and Frances Jeanette (Kelsey) MacMillan and member of an old Scottish family. His paternal grandfather, William MacMillan, came to this country from Scotland, settled in Schenectady, and was a successful cabinetmaker. The father, William Forbes MacMillan, was born in Schenectady, and served here for sixteen years as city assessor. He was a Republican. The mother, Mrs. Frances Jeanette (Kelsey) MacMillan, was also a native of Schenectady. Both parents are now deceased.

Public schools in Schenectady provided Stuart Forbes MacMillan's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school in 1916. He took his degree of Bachelor of Science from Union College in 1920, and in 1925 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Albany Medical College. In 1925 and 1926 he served an interneship at Albany Hospital, and then, from July, 1926, to July, 1927, he served as an interne in pathology at Peter Brent Brigham Hospital, in Boston, Massachusetts. Completing that interneship, Dr. MacMillan came to Schenectady, where he has practiced since that time, specializing in surgery. He is a member of the Ellis Hospital staff; holds memberships in the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association; and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, so named in 1936. He was certified by the American Board of Surgeons in May, 1939.

Along with his purely professional work, which has been most contributive, Dr. MacMillan is interested actively in political, civic and social life. He is a staunch Republican, a member of the Schenectady Curling Club and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and a participant in the work of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dr. Stuart Forbes MacMillan married, September 11, 1928, Mary E. T. Hotaling, of Rensselaer, New York, daughter of a well-known family of that city. The MacMillans are the parents of two sons: 1. Stuart Forbes MacMillan, Jr., born October 10, 1930. 2. Roger William MacMillan, born November 8, 1938.

ROBERT C. MAXON, M. D.—Although one of the younger members of the noteworthy professional coterie of Schenectady, New York, Dr. Robert C. Maxon has won reputation as a physician, and popularity as a citizen. He is a native of Berlin, New York, born February 9, 1909, son of Adelbert C. and Bertha (Philips) Maxon, his father being a shirt manufacturer and president of the Tocanic Valley Bank.

After being graduated from high school, in 1927, Robert C. Maxon entered Cornell University, but transferred to Union College, Schenectady, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with the class graduated in 1931. He was then a member of Chi Psi fraternity, of which he is now a local trustee. Matriculating at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York City, he became a Doctor of Medicine, class of 1935, having graduated with honors. For a year and a half he was an interne in the Albany Hospital, then accepted appointment as resident physician and surgeon at the McClellan Hospital, Cambridge, New York.

Exceptionally well prepared for independent practice, Dr. Maxon in August, 1937, established himself in Schenectady. He is assistant surgeon with Dr. L. F. MacMillan, and is affiliated with the courtesy staff of the Ellis Hospital. His professional fraternity is Sigma Nu, and he is a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society and other medical associations. He enjoys outdoor sports, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

In 1937 Dr. Robert C. Maxon married Janet McKenzie, daughter of Alexander and Janet (Welsch) McKenzie, her father being a prominent banker. Dr. and Mrs. Maxon are the parents of a son, Robert Alexander Maxon, born July 13, 1938.

HARVEY P. SWEET—For many years until his death in 1934 Harvey P. Sweet was proprietor of the Hillsdale House, one of the most popular of many resort hotels in the Hillsdale-Copake district of Columbia County. Since that time his wife has carried forward the work, now being sole owner of the enterprise and continuing the wise policies established by her husband and followed by him for forty years.

Mr. Sweet, who was widely known and loved in the Hillsdale district, was born in Austerlitz, New York, and after completing his formal schooling spent some years as a painter, and two years as an employee of the Custom House in New York City. In 1894 he began the operation of the Hillsdale House. In addition to conducting this hotel for forty years, he was county supervisor and town clerk over a long period, and accomplished much for the general betterment of his community. For three years he was an inspector of buildings for the State Charities Commission. He was active in both the Free and Accepted Masons and the Methodist Church.

In 1893, at Hillsdale, New York, Harvey P. Sweet married Charlotte Dexheimer. The children of this marriage were: 1. Raymond E. Sweet, who served in the World War, now employed in Syracuse. 2. Doris (Sweet) Corwith, widely known for her work with the American Legion Auxiliary, of which she was national president in 1940.

The death of Mr. Sweet in 1934 was an occasion of deep sorrow and regret, for his accomplishments and friends were many and he was loved for his amiable and personable nature. His work with the Hillsdale House caused him to be widely known, and he was respected, honored and trusted in an ever-growing circle of acquaintance.

JOSEPH A. YAVONDITTE—Since his admission to the bar in 1937, Joseph A. Yavonditte has been engaged in the practice of law in Albany. He is also well known in the public life of the Capital Region and is now serving as chairman of the board of supervisors of Albany County.

Mr. Yavonditte was born in this city on April 21, 1909, son of John and Concetta (Ricchio) Yavonditte, both born in Italy. He was educated in the Albany parochial schools, was graduated from Cathedral Academy here in 1926 and afterward entered Niagara University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1932. In 1935 he completed the course at Albany Law School and in 1937 was admitted to the bar. His time has since been divided between the responsibilities of his growing practice and his duties as a public official. Mr. Yavonditte was first elected to the office of supervisor in 1936. He was reëlected in 1937 and 1939 and since January, 1940, has served as chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. He has been a capable and progressive official and his record has won him the respect of the electorate.

Mr. Yavonditte is a Democrat in politics and is influential in local councils of his party. He is affiliated fraternally with Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Albany Council, No. 173, Knights of Columbus; and Roma Intangible Lodge, No. 215, Order of the Sons of Italy in America. A Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. Anthony's Parish in Albany and a member of the Holy Name Society of the church.

EDWARD HAYNES SARGENT—A resident of Albany, Edward Haynes Sargent has for many years figured prominently as an engineer in some of the largest and most sweeping projects undertaken in connection with the industrializing of eastern United States. As a consultant he has given much time in recent years to certain enterprises of the public utilities and of the Federal Government.

Mr. Sargent was born August 24, 1885, in Newburyport, Massachusetts, son of Samuel Edward and Mary (Haynes) Sargent, both natives of that same Massachusetts community. His father, who was born February 11, 1854, and died November 12, 1924, owned and operated a heating and plumbing establishment. He traced his ancestry in family records back to William Sargent, who came to America from England in the early seventeenth century. The mother, Mrs. Mary (Haynes) Sargent, was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and died in 1892.

Public schools in Newburyport provided Edward Haynes Sargent's early education. Graduated from high school there in 1902, he then became a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he took the degree of Civil Engineer in 1907. In that year he became associated with the New York City Water Supply Department, and later in the same year he became an assistant engineer with the New York State Water Supply Commission, which in 1911 was replaced by the State Conservation Commission. With the new body Mr. Sargent continued until 1917, serving as assistant engineer and senior assistant engineer. The entry of the United States into the World War somewhat interrupted Mr. Sargent's career. Entering the army, he served as a captain with the 41st Division, and later was transferred to

General Dawes' division, with which he was placed in charge of arrangements for supplying electricity to American hospitals in France. He was overseas for about a year, serving from the time of his enlistment, May 15, 1917, until he was honorably discharged, January 10, 1919.

He then returned to his former duties with the New York State Conservation Commission, continuing with them until January, 1923. At that time Mr. Sargent became chief engineer of the Hudson River Regulating District. He handled the preparation of plans and construction on the Sacandaga Reservoir, an enterprise costing $12,000,000. In the period since 1930 Mr. Sargent has done a great deal of general consultant work in engineering for many clients, particularly utilities companies and government agencies. He belongs to the American Society of Civil Engineers, in which he is a past chairman of the power division, and at present is president of the Mohawk-Hudson Section of that society, and also is affiliated with the New York Society of Professional Engineers, as well as with the Albany Society of Engineers, of which he is a past president. Mr. Sargent is also active in civic and social groups in Albany, being connected with Fort Orange Post, No. 30, of the American Legion, the Sons of the Revolution, the University Club (of which he was formerly a director), and the Schuyler Meadows Country Club (of which he is a past governor). In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with lodge and Royal Arch chapters. He is an attendant of the First Presbyterian Church. In leisure time Mr. Sargent enjoys the out-of-doors, playing golf when he has time, and he is also fond of billiards and bridge.

Edward Haynes Sargent married, April 22, 1909, at Northville, New York, Emma Olmstead, a native of Northville, daughter of John W. and Martha (Hale) Olmstead, both natives of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent became the parents of the following children: 1. Neale Sargent, born January 31, 1911, in Albany, New York; now Mrs. Neale (Sargent) Parkhurst. 2. Edward Haynes Sargent, Jr., born March 25, 1916, in Albany. 3. Ruth Mary Sargent, born September 27, 1920.

GEORGE WESLEY KIRKLAND—As president and general manager of Beattie's Troy Laundry, George Wesley Kirkland continues an enterprise which has been one of the business institutions of Troy for more than half a century. His connection with the organization began in 1929 and after the death of James Adam Beattie, its founder and builder, he succeeded to the executive leadership of the company.

Mr. Kirkland was born at Sayre, Pennsylvania, on June 30, 1896, son of James Henry and Bertha (Moore) Kirkland. His father, who still resides at Sayre, is a retired railroad engineer, employed for many years by the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

George Wesley Kirkland received a public school education in the community of his birth and after leaving high school, learned the machinist's trade as an apprentice in the Lehigh Valley Railroad shops. He remained in this connection until 1917. When the United States entered the World War, he enlisted in the navy and served overseas on transport duty as chief machinist mate on the U. S. S. "Otsego." After the war he returned to the Lehigh Valley Railroad as a journeyman machinist and in 1920, entered the shops of the Erie Railroad at Elmira, New York, in the same capacity. Here he spent six years. From 1926 to 1929 he was machinist for the Hudson Valley Coal & Coke Company at Troy and at the end of that time came to Beattie's Troy Laundry, Inc., as assistant superintendent.

This enterprise, which has been one of the leading steam laundries of the Capital Region for many years, owed its success to the vision and energy of his father-in-law, James Adam Beattie, who was born at Galt, Ontario, Canada, in 1862 and came to the United States in 1884. In his youth he learned the cabinet and upholstering trade and after settling at Troy, where he lived with his uncle, he worked in a machine shop as a wood patternmaker and for a short time as a salesman on the road. Troy was the birthplace of the laundry business, but his own advent into that business was sudden and unexpected. Offered an opportunity to become a partner in a small laundry, he decided to risk his savings of $700 in the venture, despite his utter ignorance of the laundry business. On August 12, 1892, he became a partner of John C. Walker, who withdrew from the enterprise within a year. A subsequent partnership with an employee of the laundry proved unsatisfactory and in 1895 he became sole owner. Through industrious application and hard work he had gained a thorough knowledge of the business, and his sound management enabled him to forge ahead. By the turn of the century the laundry was solidly established and was yielding him a very comfortable income. Mr. Beattie was still dissatisfied that the limits of the business had been reached and in 1907, after attending a national convention of laundry owners, where recent developments in the field of modern laundry equipment and operation were emphasized, he decided to embark upon a program of expansion. In doing so he again demonstrated his courage. The new investment involved the expenditure of $20,000 and the acquisition of a new building, which he purchased to replace his old leased quarters. The outcome fully justified his confidence and courage. Equipped with one of the finest laundry plants in the Capital Region, the business flourished as operations were continued on an expanding scale. Beattie's Troy Laundry became one of

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the most efficiently managed and best paying investments in Troy. As a result of its modern equipment, sanitation, efficient plant arrangement and the high standards of its work it also became one of the country's ranking laundry establishments.

Mr. Beattie's election as president of the New York Laundrymen's Association and as a member of the executive committee of the Laundrymen's National Association reflected his standing in the industry. His other business interests included a directorship of the Troy Trust Company. His civic connections were numerous. As president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, he initiated one of the most vigorous and constructive programs ever undertaken by the chamber. He effectively supported the useful institutions of the community, both civic and benevolent, and brought his rare talents for leadership to bear upon virtually all phases of the community life.

James Adam Beattie died in 1932, after a distinguished career which brought him both honor and success and won him an acknowledged place among the first citizens of Troy. After his death, the organization which he built came under the management of George Wesley Kirkland, who has been president, manager and director of Beattie's Troy Laundry, Inc., since 1932 and has continued the traditions of efficient operation and wide community service long associated with the enterprise. Mr. Kirkland, who has taken his place as a prominent figure in Troy's business life, is a member of the Rotary Club and other local organizations.

Mr. Kirkland married, September 11, 1930, at Troy, Margaret J. Beattie, daughter of James Adam and Helen T. (Beattie) Beattie. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland have three daughters: Marjorie Ann, Helen B., and Barbara Jane Kirkland.

DENNIS WHEELER SWEENEY, M. D.—Following earlier professional experience in New York City, where he began his professional career, Dr. Dennis Wheeler Sweeney moved to Altamont in 1935. He has since developed an extensive practice in this section of Albany County and is prominent in its general life.

Dr. Sweeney was born at Westerly, Rhode Island, on September 12, 1901, son of Dennis Peter and Elma Zoe (Wheeler) Sweeney. He is a grandson of Dennis Sweeney, first of the family in New York State, who settled at Hamilton, Madison County, in 1865. The father, Dennis P. Sweeney, a farmer, was born there. The mother was born in Vermont.

Dennis Wheeler Sweeney spent his boyhood at Hamilton, where he attended the public schools, completing the high school course in 1920, and afterward entered Colgate University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1924. He prepared for his profession at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from that institution in 1928. During 1929 and 1930 he served his interneship at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. In September, 1929, he was licensed to practice and in 1931 opened offices in New York City, where he remained until 1935. Since that time his activities have centered in Altamont, although his practice also extends to Berne, Guilderland and other neighboring communities. Dr. Sweeney has never limited his practice and is active both as a physician and as a surgeon. His qualifications have won him the confidence of his community and the demands upon his services have grown to large proportions. He serves as health officer of the town in addition to his other professional responsibilities and is influential in civic affairs and community movements, which have generously engaged his interest. In 1938-39, after a prior term as vice-president, he was president of the Altamont Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Sweeney is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Albany County Medical Society and the New York State Health Officers' Association. He continues as a member of the Altamont Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the Phi Chi medical fraternity. Dr. Sweeney is a Democrat in politics and a Roman Catholic in religious faith. His hobby is collecting stamps.

On January 6, 1934, at Troy, he married Helen Owen, daughter of William H. and Lillian (Johnston) Owen, both born at Johnstown, Fulton County.

MacNAUGHTON MILLER—Throughout his career in banking, MacNaughton Miller has performed a valuable work in Albany, his native city, where he is now vice-president of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Miller was born April 19, 1873, in Albany, New York, son of Ernest J. and Jessie (MacNaughton) Miller. His father, who was born April 16, 1832, in Albany, and died November 12, 1896, was a lawyer and manufacturer, vice-president and treasurer of the Albany Card & Paper Company, and a prominent political leader in the Republican ranks. The mother, born in 1836 in Albany, died January 22, 1889.

MacNaughton Miller attended Albany Academy, where he was a member of the class of 1892. In that year he became associated with the National Commercial Bank, of Albany, as assistant bookkeeper and then as bookkeeper. He was elected assistant cashier of the Park Bank in 1902. That institution was controlled by the National Commercial Bank, and the Park Bank became after a time the Park branch of the newly formed Union Trust Company, though it was also closely connected with the National Commercial Bank. Mr. Miller was elected assistant treasurer of the new company, afterward becoming secretary and treasurer. Then came the consolidation of the Union Trust Company and the National Commercial Bank under the name of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, of which Mr. Miller was elected assistant vice-president. Afterward he was elevated to the office of vice-president, so continuing down to the time of writing, with headquarters in the main bank building.

Mr. Miller is a member of the New York State Bankers' Association and the American Bankers' Association, and is active in the general affairs of his profession, as well as in the general financial and business life of Albany. He is active in the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the Albany Country Club, Albany Academy Alumni Association and St. Andrew's Society, and is a trustee of the First Dutch Reformed Church of Albany. He has had military service with the National Guard, serving in the 3d Signal Corps and also as captain of Company C, 10th Infantry Regiment, during the World War. In leisure time Mr. Miller enjoys the out-of-doors and plays considerable golf when time permits. Formerly he played both football and baseball.

On June 20, 1899, at Richfield Springs, New York, MacNaughton Miller married Carolyn Baxter Cobb, who was born January 12, 1876, at Saugerties, New York, daughter of the Rev. Sanford H. and Mary E. (Capen) Cobb. Her father was born in New York City and her mother in Boston. The children of this marriage were the following: 1. Ernest J. Miller, born July, 1907, attended Albany Academy and Williams College, now with the Consumers' Power Company, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2. Peter MacNaughton Miller, Jr., born in October, 1912, at Albany, attended Albany Academy and Princeton University, as well as the Graduate College at Princeton, now an instructor at Princeton.

EDWARD K. CRAVENER, M. D.—Widely recognized as an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Edward K. Cravener practices his medical specialty in Schenectady and in this vicinity is associated with several hospitals and health institutions.

Dr. Cravener was born July 30, 1898, in Indiana, Pennsylvania, son of Amos O. and Jennie (Kimmel) Cravener. His father, born at Blanket Hill, Armstrong County, that State, was an Episcopal minister until his death on July 10, 1916. The mother was born at Elderton, also in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Public schools at Indiana, Pennsylvania, provided Edward K. Cravener's early formal education. Graduated from high school there in 1916, he took his pre-medical work at Ohio State University, in Columbus, Ohio, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920, and at that same university he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1924. He had an interneship at the Children's Hospital, in Columbus, and was also for a time an interne at Mercy Hospital, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was afterward a surgical resident at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and an interne at both the General Hospital and the Children's Hospital, in Boston, Massachusetts. He began his own practice as chief of the orthopedic service at Clifton Springs Sanitarium, in Clifton Springs, New York, where he remained for two years.

In 1932 Dr. Cravener came to Schenectady, where he has been engaged since that time in the practice of orthopedics. He is orthopedic surgeon at Ellis Hospital and the City Hospital here, as well as at Glen Ridge Sanitarium and the County Hospital and County Home, and also serves as consulting orthopedic surgeon at Benedict Memorial Hospital, Ballston Spa; Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga; and Moses Ludington Hospital, Ticonderoga. He is a member of the Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery; holds memberships in the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association; and has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1931.

Deeply interested in civic affairs, Dr. Cravener is a Republican in partisan alignment. He belongs to the Alpha Sigma Phi and Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternities, which he joined in his student days and is active in Sulgrave Lodge, No. 696, Free and Accepted Masons. During the World War, Dr. Cravener was active in the service of his country, stationed at the Training School at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He is chairman of the Medical Advisory Board for Schenectady, Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton counties, and chairman of the Northern New York Branch of the United States Committee for the Care of European Children. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Sailing-boats have always constituted a major hobby of Dr. Cravener, who loves the out-of-doors and the water and enjoys the study and practice of boating operations.

On March 17, 1931, Dr. Edward K. Cravener married Grace Miller, of Clifton Springs, New York, daughter of August and Lena (Chapin) Miller. One son was born of this marriage: Nathaniel John Cravener, on February 14, 1936.

HERBERT A. JONES—For years active in banking in Albany, Herbert A. Jones is vice-president of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company here.

Mr. Jones was born June 30, 1904, in Maryland, New York, son of Edward W. and Amelia Anna (Fenn) Jones, both natives of this State, the father of Delaware County and the mother of Otsego.

Herbert A. Jones attended graded and high schools in the vicinity of his birthplace, and in 1921 was graduated from Schenevus High School. He became associated with the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, of Albany, in discount work, June 1, 1924. Later he became manager of the research and analytical department of the institution. In 1933 he became assistant trust officer, so continuing until December 30, 1938. He began his service as trust officer of the bank on January 1, 1939, and so served until October 15, 1940, when he became vice-president.

Politically Mr. Jones is independent, affiliating himself with neither of the major existing parties, though he takes a lively interest in public affairs in Albany. He is treasurer and a member of the executive committee of the Protestant Family Welfare Association and treasurer of the Church Mission of Health, Inc. He is active in the New York State Bankers Association and Trust Companies Association of the State of New York, presently serving on the Trust Functions Committee of the New York State Bankers Association. He belongs to the American Institute of Banking, the Chamber of Commerce of Albany, the Schuyler Meadows Country Club, the Fort Orange Country Club and the Methodist Church. Among his other activities he serves as vice-president of the Life Insurance & Trust Council. In leisure time Mr. Jones enjoys the out-of-doors, playing golf when opportunity permits. Music is one of his major interests, and he has made a deep study of it.

In Albany, New York, in April, 1940, Herbert A. Jones married Annette Nusbaum, who was born in Albany, as were her parents, William J. and Bertha (Kerwin) Nusbaum.

EDMUND D. COLBY, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Schenectady, Dr. Edmund D. Colby has earned the respect and admiration of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life.

Dr. Colby was born November 10, 1907, in Schenectady, New York, son of Stanley and Victoria (Sochacki) Colby. His father, born at Radom, Poland, in 1872, came in 1905 to the United States, here becoming a machinist with the General Electric Company and continuing his work with this great industry until his retirement. The mother, born in Lublin, Poland, in 1885, is now also a resident of Schenectady.

Public schools of Schenectady provided Edmund D. Colby's early education, and he completed his high school studies in January, 1925. He then spent three years at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in 1935 took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at New York Medical College. There followed an interneship at St. Peter's Hospital, in Albany, and he was also an interne for a time at Brady Maternity Hospital, in that city. Since July, 1936, Dr. Colby has been engaged in the active practice of his profession in Schenectady, and belongs to the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is on the associate staff of physicians at Ellis Hospital here, and also serves as physician at the Schenectady County Hospital, in this city, where he received his appointment in February, 1939.

In addition to his work in his profession, Dr. Colby is a Republican in politics and a leading fraternalist of his city. He belongs to Lodge No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being chosen to the board of governors of the fraternity in 1940. He is also a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity. Among his other activities, he has served as first lieutenant with the 102d Medical Regiment, New York National Guard. Fond of outdoor life, he is happy in the realm of both art and nature, and gives a great deal of time and attention to study of the piano. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

On September 12, 1931, Dr. Edmund D. Colby married Mary Lou Yanis, of Schenectady, daughter of Lewis Yanis. They became the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann Colby, born February 21, 1934.

ALFRED IRVING SCHIMPF—Affiliated for many years with the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, Alfred I. Schimpf is one of Albany's leading business men.

Mr. Schimpf was born January 4, 1891, in Albany, New York, son of Frank F. and Alida (de Rouville) Schimpf. His parents were both born in Albany, where his father early became engaged in business as a plumbing contractor.

Schools here provided Alfred Irving Schimpf's early education, and after graduation from Albany High School in 1909 he took up the study of law. He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School in 1915, and in the following year was admitted to the New York State bar, though he never actually practiced the profession. Instead, he took up banking, which seemed to him to offer great opportunities, and in 1919 he associated himself with the Union Trust Company. A year later that bank was consolidated with the National Commercial Bank to form the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Schimpf became a member of the trust department staff. Later he was made manager of the credit department, assistant cashier and, in 1931, assistant vice-president. He has charge, at the time of writing, of the mortgage loan, personal loan and credit departments of this important Albany banking institution.

Widely known in the banking fraternity, Mr. Schimpf is also intensely interested in the affairs of his native city. He belongs to the Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, is treasurer of the local Community Chest and the Albany County Red Cross Chapter, and holds membership in the Fort Orange Club and Masters Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons. Politically he is independent of regular party organizations, casting his vote in favor of the parties and candidates of his choice in each individual instance. Adding military service to his other achievements, Mr. Schimpf was formerly with Troop B, 1st Cavalry Regiment, serving as a sergeant at the Mexican border from 1913 to 1917. He was three months in the hospital after wounds suffered in the World War, having served as first lieutenant during that conflict with the 107th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, for nine months. Mr. Schimpf is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

BENJAMIN JAMES FARQUHER—A native and lifelong citizen of Schoharie Village, Benjamin James Farquher became one of its most beloved figures. Practically the whole of his career was that of a mortician, associated since young manhood with the undertaking establishment founded by his father more than half a century ago. There were few worthy local interests and activities in which he did not join, and in many connections he was an admirable leader.

Mr. Farquher was born in Schoharie, New York, October 29, 1874, son of Arthur H. and Maria (Benjamin) Farquher. The father, a native of Albany County, born in 1840, settled in Schoharie County just before the War Between the States, of which conflict he was a Union veteran. In 1866 he married (first) Maria Benjamin, who died in 1875, leaving three children: 1. Frederick R., deceased in 1923. 2. Minnie E., who married Robert A. Dewey, of Schoharie Village, who died while in California, within a few weeks after the passing of Benjamin J. Farquher. 3. Benjamin J. Arthur H. Farquher married (second), in 1878, Ida May Schoolcraft.

After completing his education in the old Schoharie Academy, where he made a reputation as a "studious and fun-loving boy," he joined his father in a furniture and undertaking business, of which he became sole owner after the demise of the older man, at about the turn of the century. Although Mr. Farquher also established branch mortuary parlors in Middleburgh about thirty years ago with Charles Shaylor as resident manager, his main establishment was at Schoharie where his business was conducted from the home building and location occupied by his father who established it over half a century ago. He was also connected with F. C. Hinman, of Gallupville, for over thirty years.

A member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which, during the World War period, merged with the Methodist Church and is now known as the Community Church of this village, he was intensely interested in its welfare and was for many years president of the church council. He was also president of the Lutheran Cemetery Association and was associated with the Schoharie County Bank and at the time of his death was one of its directors. In his fraternal relations he was a member of Schoharie Valley Lodge, No. 491, Free and Accepted Masons. He was also a member of Niagara Engine Company, No. 6. In politics, a Republican, it is probable that he never cared to hold political office.

In Schoharie Village, June 28, 1902, Benjamin James Farquher married Ellen Mead, daughter of Arthur D. and Emily (Wilber) Mead, the former of whom, a native of Duanesburg, New York, died September 2, 1912; the mother lived to March 18, 1922. Arthur D. Mead was a prominent citizen of Schenectady County, and later of Schoharie County. He served as supervisor of Schenectady County for two terms, and for two terms as county clerk of Schoharie County. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mead were as follows: 1. Nathaniel K. Mead, D. D. S., of Duanesburg, and later Albany, died April 1, 1923; married Elizabeth A. Sauer. 2. Louise A., born at Schoharie Village, April 17, 1868, living with Mrs. Farquher. 3. Adeline W., born February 28, 1870, died unmarried, August 23, 1939. 4. Ellen, who married Mr. Farquher; she was born April 15, 1874, and attended Schoharie Academy.

The death of Benjamin James Farquher occurred on January 28, 1939, at the Albany City Hospital. Of the numerous tributes paid this beloved gentleman, we quote a part of the editorial published in "The Schoharie Republican" of February 2, 1939:

> "Ben" Farquher was one of those rare philanthropic souls who walked the world on a high place, believing it is better not to let the left hand know what the right hand dispenses. Jovial, kindly, interested in his fellowmen, he carried within the breast that death has stilled, an understanding and sympathetic heart, which encompassed in his scope of love not only his family and friends and those of his own faith, but reached out to encourage and succor the less fortunate, the widow, the orphan, the aged, those in distress financially, those that needed help. His philanthropies were far-reaching, nor did he forget the children and animals in the village, and a familiar figure on our streets was "Ben" Farquher.

THOMAS IRWIN VAN ANTWERP—Mr. Van Antwerp was born March 24, 1865, in Albany, New York, son of William M. and Suzanna (Irwin) Van Antwerp. His father, born in Albany, was for years a merchant here. He was a Republican in politics, and served as a city alderman. The mother was also born in Albany. The

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family traces its lineage back to Daniel Janse Van Antwerpen, who settled in Schenectady about 1650, coming to this continent from Holland.

Thomas Irwin Van Antwerp attended Albany Academy, where he was graduated in 1883. He became associated with the First National Bank of Albany as a messenger in 1885. In 1889 he became connected with the National Commercial Bank of this city, in the capacity of secretary to the president. Later he became junior officer and then vice-president. For a time he was president of the Union Trust Company until the merger of that institution, in 1920, with the National Commercial Bank brought into being the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company. In his fifty years of banking service with the National Commercial Bank he has performed a work of importance in Albany, and has helped many new enterprises gain a foothold in this city. He was formerly a director and is vice-president and a trustee of the Albany Savings Bank.

He served for fourteen years in Company A, 10th Infantry Regiment, New York National Guard. He belongs to the Albany Country Club, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In leisure time he plays considerable golf and enjoys outdoor life. He is active in St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Brooklyn, New York, in February, 1895, Thomas Irwin Van Antwerp married Zaidee Scudder, born in New York, daughter of Townsend and Sarah (Frost) Scudder, natives of that city. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Antwerp: 1. William M., born in Albany. 2 and 3. Suzanne and Cornelia (twins), born in Albany. 4. Townsend S., born in Altamont, New York.

MARK GRAVES—As commissioner of taxation and finance of New York State, Mark Graves performs an important work, serving *ex officio* as president of the New York State Tax Commission and heading the commission's activities. This commission, one of the most important ones in the State Government, has jurisdiction over the Division of Taxation of the Department of Taxation and Finance which administers nearly all of the State's tax laws and some functions formerly residing in the comptroller's office.

Mr. Graves was born December 29, 1877, on a farm in the town of Willing, Allegany County, New York, son of Marlin and Susan (Beaver) Graves. He studied in the public schools of his home district, and after attending the Buffalo Law School was admitted to the New York State bar in 1901. Until 1907 he practiced at Wellsville, New York. Then he entered the service of the State Government as a municipal accounts examiner. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in one branch or another of the State service, serving successively as director of the Municipal Accounts Bureau, counsel to the State comptroller, research director of the Board of Estimate and Control, tax commissioner, budget director and commissioner of taxation and finance. In his work as director of municipal accounts, he also headed the Court and Trust Fund Bureau and the State License Bureau. When the personal income tax law was enacted in 1919, in the first administration of Governor Alfred E. Smith, Mr. Graves was appointed director of the bureau, and remained as its executive head until July 1, 1921. At that time Governor Nathan L. Miller named him research director of the Board of Estimate and Control. It was Governor Smith who, recognizing Mr. Graves' extensive knowledge of taxation and finance, named him State tax commissioner in 1923.

Serving in that capacity until September 9, 1931, Mr. Graves then resigned from the Tax Commission to become director of the budget in Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's Cabinet. He filled that office until 1933, when Governor Herbert H. Lehman appointed him commissioner of taxation and finance and president of the State Tax Commission. In 1935, 1937 and again in 1939 Governor Lehman reappointed him to this office. The Department of Taxation and Finance of the New York State Government includes the Division of Taxation, the Division of the Treasury, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the State Traffic Commission created in 1936. The State Tax Commission operates the Division of Taxation, which has jurisdiction over personal income, corporate franchise, estate, stock transfer, motor fuel, special franchise, alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, racing admissions, milk publicity, pari-mutuel and unincorporated business taxes. Through its Bureau of Local Assessments it supervises methods of assessing property and advises assessors of tax districts throughout the State. The division further administers functions transferred from the comptroller's office January 1, 1927, relative to State-owned lands in forest preserve counties and those exercised by the comptroller under the tax, judiciary and military laws relative to apportionment and collection of direct State tax.

A Democratic leader, Mr. Graves was elected chairman of the Allegany County committee of his party as early as 1904, and two years later was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the Forty-third New York Congressional District. Formerly Mr. Graves served as president of the National Tax Association and as acting president of the Council of State Governments. He is a member of the State Planning Council, the Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Coöperation, the Interstate Committee on Conflicting Taxation, the National Democratic Club and the New York State Bar Association. In the course of a busy career many honors have come to him, including two awards of the degree of Doctor of Laws—one from Syracuse University in 1933, and one from Union College in 1937.

In addition to all his other activities, Mr. Graves is a former president of the Albany Rotary Club and is a member of the Fort Orange Club of Albany, the Albany Country Club, the University Club, and the Houvenkopf Country Club of Suffern. He is a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Albany, the executive council of the Fort Orange Boy Scout branch, and the board of trustees of the City & County Savings Bank. He has also contributed substantially to the cultural life of Albany, notably through his service as a director of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. Fraternally Mr. Graves is active in the Knights of Pythias and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Wellsville Lodge, No. 230, Wellsville Chapter, No. 143, Royal Arch Masons, and De Witt Council, No. 22, Royal and Select Masters.

Mark Graves married, October 7, 1903, Clara Belle Gale, of Wellsville, New York. They became the parents of three daughters: 1. Mildred, who married Joseph B. Ryan; they live in Suffern, New York. 2. Evelyn, wife of Edward W. Briggs; they live at Wingdale, New York. 3. Eleanore, of Albany.

GEORGE W. MILLER, D. D. S.—Engaged in the practice of dentistry at Schenectady since 1934, Dr. George W. Miller has risen rapidly in his profession since he began his career in this city. He is today one of the prominent dentists of the Schenectady area.

Dr. Miller was born in Schenectady on October 21, 1906, son of Irving Wade and Augusta Louisa (Myers) Miller and grandson of Charles Wesley Miller, who was a farmer in Schenectady County. The family is of English origin. His father, who was born in Niskayuna and died on January 15, 1939, was also a farmer, as well as a cattle dealer and wholesale butcher in Schenectady. The mother, born in this county, is still living.

George W. Miller was educated in the public schools of Schenectady, where he was graduated from high school in 1924, and afterward studied dentistry at the University of Buffalo, taking the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1934. He entered practice at Schenectady the same year and has since devoted himself to professional responsibilities. During this period the demands on his services have grown steadily. Dr. Miller's professional standing was reflected in his election as president of the Fourth District Dental Society for the year 1940. He is also a member of the American Dental Association, the Schenectady County Dental Society and the Schenectady Dental Study Club. In addition to these connections he is affiliated with the Xi Psi Phi fraternity. Dr. Miller is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

On July 20, 1936, he married Grace Corthell of Franklinville, New York, daughter of William and Daisy (Bowen) Corthell. Dr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, William Wade, born November 23, 1939.

WILLIAM BARENT WEMPLE, Sr.—As a member of one of the Mohawk Valley's oldest families, William Barent Wemple, Sr., continued the traditions of prominence long associated in this section with the family name. He was active in various business interests from early life, spent some years in public service and from 1912 until the close of his career was owner and publisher of the "Mohawk Valley Democrat" at Fonda.

Mr. Wemple was born at Fultonville, Montgomery County, on September 29, 1866, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Empie) Wemple and a direct descendant of Jan Barentsen Wemple, who came to America about 1645, settled in the Rensselaerswyck Colony and resided in Albany continuously until his death in 1663. He was a man of wide property and business interests and was one of the original fifteen proprietors of Schenectady, receiving from Governor Stuyvesant in 1662 the great island, which was the earliest grant in Schenectady or vicinity. Although he never lived there, his widow, who had married again, and her children by the first marriage moved to Schenectady about 1669, and in later generations the family spread throughout the Mohawk Valley. Barent B. Wemple, in the direct line of descent, who resided near Fonda, saw active service during the Revolution. He was also first lieutenant of Colonel Guy Johnson's 3d Regiment of Militia prior to the Revolution. He lost a great deal of property in Sir John Johnson's two raids of 1780 in the Mohawk Valley.

Mr. Wemple's grandfather, William Barent Wemple, was born at Fonda on August 16, 1809, died at Fultonville, December 19, 1869, and built up a large foundry and machine shop business in the latter community. He was a pioneer in this branch of the iron trade and had many interests in lumbering, banking and other fields. He also served as major of the 26th Regiment of State Militia, and in politics acted as supervisor and was nominated for county treasurer, member of Assembly and Congress. Mr. Wemple's father, Nicholas Wemple, born February 22, 1834, died February 19, 1896, entered the family foundry business and was a manufacturer of iron and brass castings for water wheels, bridges and similar uses throughout his career. He took a prominent part in many activities in his community. His first wife, Elizabeth Sarah Empie, whom he married in 1858, was born on March 19,

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1836, and died on April 19, 1869. She was a daughter of Philip S. and Eliza (Burdick) Empie.

William Barent Wemple was one of three children born to his parents and the only one to reach maturity. He was educated at Clinton Liberal Institute in Fort Plain, from which he was graduated in 1883, and at Union College, where he took a scientific course as a member of the class of 1887. After leaving college he entered the Fultonville foundry of William B. Wemple's Sons, established by his grandfather, and in 1891 became connected with the office of the State Comptroller at Albany as assistant and auditor. Subsequently he served in the same capacity in the State Fiscal Supervisor's office. In 1898 he was offered and accepted the office of superintendent of the Albany Hospital. During his tenure, which covered seven years, the new Albany Hospital was completed and he became its first superintendent. In 1905 he went to New York City as purchasing agent of the New York House of Refuge on Randall's Island and remained until 1912, when he returned to Montgomery County. At this time he purchased the "Mohawk Valley Democrat" in Fonda, one of the old established newspapers of the Mohawk Valley, and was its owner and publisher until his death in 1924. The operation of a newspaper was a congenial task, and its influence and circulation developed steadily under his leadership.

In addition to this interest, Mr. Wemple was part owner of the Erie Fabric Company, silk manufacturers in Fultonville, for a number of years and active in its management. A prominent Mason, he was affiliated in this order with Fultonville Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Past Master, and with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Holy Cross Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. Thoroughly in sympathy with Masonic ideals, he was very active in the order and served for a time as Lecturer of the Fulton, Montgomery, Herkimer and Hamilton District. He was also a member of the building committee for the new Masonic Temple at Fultonville. Mr. Wemple was influential in local councils of the Democratic party, but never held political office. He had a major rôle, however, in the civic enterprises of his community and was profoundly interested in the history and traditions of the Mohawk Valley country. He was a leading member of the Mohawk Valley Historic Association and a member and trustee of the Montgomery County Historical Society. In addition to his other connections, he was affiliated with Union College Chapter of the Sigma Phi fraternity and was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Mr. Wemple spent many years in compiling the Wemple family genealogy, a monumental work of about 1,500 pages, which is conceded to be one of the most thorough works on family history extant.

On June 15, 1892, at Fonda, William Barent Wemple married Gertrude Lillian Berry, daughter of John D. and Lillian Gertrude (Lipe) Berry, born at Fonda July 31, 1872. They became the parents of one son, William Barent, Jr. (*q. v.*), born in Albany, November 30, 1895.

William Barent Wemple, Sr., died on January 21, 1924. His acknowledged public spirit and enlightened social conscience broadened the influence which his position and attainments brought him and won him the regard of those who shared the contacts and interests of his life.

WILLIAM BARENT WEMPLE, Jr.—In 1924, William Barent Wemple, Jr., succeeded his father as publisher of the "Mohawk Valley Democrat" at Fonda, an old and influential organ of the Fonda area owned by his family for more than a quarter of a century. In addition to this interest he is president of the National Mohawk River Bank and has been active in many civic connections.

Born in Albany on November 30, 1895, Mr. Wemple is a son of William Barent Wemple, Sr., and Gertrude Lillian (Berry) Wemple and a member of a family which has been established in the Mohawk Valley for almost three centuries. An account of the family and of his father's career appears elsewhere in these pages.

William Barent Wemple, Jr., received his preliminary education at Albany Boys Academy, Horace Mann School in New York City and at Fonda High School, where he was graduated in 1913. Subsequently he entered Union College, where he was a member of the class of 1917 and later joined his father in the office of the "Mohawk Valley Democrat." This newspaper, which has been owned by the Wemple family since 1912, was established on June 26, 1836, and in 1936 celebrated one hundred years of continuous publication. It is an interesting fact that in the 1840s it was owned by Darius V. Berry, maternal great-grandfather of the present publisher. William Barent Wemple, Jr., assumed increasing responsibilities in the management of the "Mohawk Valley Democrat" and the general printing business also carried on by the company. Following his father's death in 1924, he succeeded him as head of the company and publisher of the newspaper. The "Mohawk Valley Democrat" owns and occupies its own building at the corner of Main and Center streets in Fonda. It circulates throughout a wide area in Montgomery County, where the long and notable tradition of the paper is recognized and valued.

Mr. Wemple, who continues the tradition as publisher, has also been increasingly active in the National Mohawk River Bank of Fonda. After some years as vice-president and director, he was elected president of this institution in 1940 and is now its active head. He has a long record of community service as a civic leader and public official and is now president of the Consolidated Health Board of the Village of Fonda and Town of Mohawk and president of the Board of Education of Fonda High School. He is a former member of the board of trustees and acting mayor of the village of Fonda. Mr. Wemple is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the New York Press Association, the National Editorial Association, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the New York State Historical Society, the Montgomery County Historical Society; the Sigma Phi fraternity, Union College Chapter; and Fultonville Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, a trustee of the Montgomery County Historical Society and a director of the Coal Company of Fulton County.

On July 26, 1930, at Gloversville, Fulton County, Mr. Wemple married Elizabeth Ashley Burton, born at Gloversville, May 7, 1895, daughter of Frank Burton, who died in 1933, and Emma (McNab) Burton. Two children have been born to them: William Barent III, born August 27, 1931, died November 27, 1939; and Frank Burton, born October 12, 1935.

GOMER RICHARDS, M. D.—Since he began the practice of medicine at Schenectady in 1933, Dr. Gomer Richards has rapidly extended his professional interests. As a physician he is now active in many connections, including institutional service as well as the care of his own patients.

Dr. Richards was born in Schenectady on March 23, 1906, son of Evan John and Elizabeth Anne (Phillips) Richards, both born in Neath, South Wales, in 1877. The father, who came to this country in early life and was associated for twenty-two years with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, died on September 25, 1925. The mother is still living.

Educated in the public schools of Schenectady, Dr. Richards entered Union College after completing the high school course in January, 1924, and was graduated from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1928. He prepared for his chosen profession at Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1932, following which he served for one year as interne at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady and one year as extern at Albany Hospital, during his fourth year at medical college. He launched his general practice at Schenectady in 1933 and has since devoted himself to growing professional responsibilities in this city. Dr. Richards is assistant attending physician to Ellis Hospital in Schenectady and attending physician to City Hospital. He is also on the nurses' teaching staff of Ellis Hospital. Both in his profession and in the city at large he is recognized as a fully qualified physician, and the demands upon his services indicate the standing he has attained during his seven years of practice.

Dr. Richards is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Schenectady County Medical Society. He is affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, is a Republican in politics and a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Schenectady, on whose official board he serves. Amateur photography is his favorite hobby.

On July 7, 1934, Gomer Richards married Carlie Elizabeth Coolidge, of Charlton, New York, daughter of John D. and Lulu (Pierce) Coolidge and a member of the well-known Massachusetts family of this name established in New England in 1628. Dr. and Mrs. Richards are the parents of three children: Gomer, Jr., born July 7, 1935; Marjorie Anne, born September 9, 1938; and John Coolidge, born October 22, 1939.

SAMUEL SMITH—One of the largest firms of electrical contractors and dealers in Albany County is owned and operated by Samuel Smith, who entered business at Cohoes in 1916 and has since established branches in Troy and Watervliet. He has been a prominent figure in the life of Cohoes during the past quarter of a century and has been active in many civic connections in addition to his business interests.

Mr. Smith was born in New York City on October 28, 1891, son of Morris and Cecelia Smith. His father, a manufacturer of leather beltings, died when Samuel Smith was only six years old, and after completing the eighth grade in the New York City public schools, the boy began the active business of life at the age of fourteen. This was in 1905, when he became an errand boy with a company manufacturing electrical fixtures in New York City. Mr. Smith served a thorough apprenticeship in the plant and during a period of eight years, rose within the organization to the position of plant superintendent. From 1913 to 1916 he was employed as a salesman by the same company, covering twenty-three states. Mr. Smith's ultimate objective was to enter business for himself and on March 16, 1916, feeling himself fully qualified by experience obtained in the preceding eleven years, he established the Smith Electric Company at Cohoes, where his activities have since centered. This company, which has grown steadily under his guidance, handles electrical contracting projects of all kinds, electric motor sales and service and a full line of General Electric appliances and supplies for the retail trade. With the development of the Cohoes business, Mr. Smith, in June, 1936, opened a store in Troy, followed by a second branch store established at Watervliet in June, 1939. Twenty people altogether are now employed in the business, which covers a considerable part of the Capital Region.

Having identified his interests with the life of Cohoes, Mr. Smith has sought by every means at his disposal to promote the development of the city, its civic advancement and the welfare of its institutions. His record of civic leadership and effort is outstanding. As president of the Industrial Commission of the City of Cohoes, he pursues a long-term objective which has for some time been one of his major interests, the industrial rehabilitation of the community. He has also been associated with numerous other civic groups. Mr. Smith is past president and is now treasurer of the Cohoes Chamber of Commerce. He is first vice-president of the Cohoes Civic Association, of which he was an organizer. He is a former member of the Albany County Board of Child Welfare; a member and director of the Albany County Tuberculosis Association; chairman of the Advisory Board of the local branch of the Salvation Army; past vice-president of the Cohoes Rotary Club; a director of the Cohoes Hospital. Always mindful of the civic and social welfare of the city, he has contributed largely thereto and has won wide recognition for his public spirit.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Smith is a member of the Van Schaick Island Country Club; Cohoes Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Cohoes Council, Knights of Columbus; the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and the Order of Alhambra of St. Agnes' parish. In earlier life he served an enlistment of five years with the 12th Regiment of the New York National Guard in New York City and is now a member of the Veterans' Association of the 12th Infantry. Mr. Smith is a devout Catholic in religious faith and has been an active member of St. Agnes' Roman Catholic Church in this city.

On January 18, 1916, at Cohoes, he married Mary F. Monahan, daughter of John B. and Mary (Donnolly) Monahan. Mrs. Smith, who was born on March 15, 1890, is a graduate of St. Bernard's Academy at Cohoes and of Troy Business College. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of seven children: John M., born April 30, 1917, educated at Cohoes High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, now an electrical engineer associated with the New York State Gas & Electric Company at Ithaca; Samuel J., born March 31, 1919, educated at Christian Brothers' Military Academy, now associated with his father's business; James E., born January 3, 1921, a graduate of Christian Brothers' Military Academy, now attending Siena College; Mary C., born August 15, 1922, a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Name, now attending Albany State Teachers' College; Lois, born October 21, 1924, died in 1925; Barbara C., born March 28, 1927, now attending the Academy of the Holy Name; and Edward F., born February 26, 1929, a student at St. Agnes' School.

H. BOSWORTH MacCHESNEY—Since 1937, H. Bosworth MacChesney has served as treasurer of the Troy Savings Bank. He has been associated with this institution for almost thirty years and is well known in the life of the city as a banker and civic leader.

Born in Troy on June 26, 1886, Mr. MacChesney is a son of Harvey Worthington and Carrie (Collins) MacChesney and a grandson of Obed MacChesney. His father, who died in 1922, was a merchant, conducting a grocery business in Troy for many years. His mother, who is still living, has now reached her eighty-second year.

Educated in the Troy public schools and at Troy Business College, H. Bosworth MacChesney began his career as secretary to the late Hon. Elias P. Mann, former mayor of Troy, and continued in this post for some six years. In 1911 he entered the Troy Savings Bank, beginning as teller, and has since risen steadily within the organization. In 1935, after a quarter of a century of service in the institution, he was appointed assistant treasurer and in July, 1937, was elected to his present office as treasurer, in which capacity he is one of the bank's principal executives.

Mr. MacChesney has also been active in public life. He is prominent in local Republican politics and from 1929 to 1932, inclusive, was supervisor of the Fourteenth Ward in the municipal government, winning election for each term on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, the Republican Club of Rensselaer County, the Troy Club and the Industrial Club of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association and is affiliated fraternally with Troy Lodge, No. 91, Free and Accepted Masons. During the World War, Mr. MacChesney enlisted in the United States Navy and was on active duty until after the Armistice. He is a member and trustee of the Ninth Presbyterian Church and finds his principal recreation in gardening.

In 1920, H. Bosworth MacChesney married, at Troy, Allettie Bosworth, daughter of George and Edith (Wilder) Bosworth. They are the parents of one son, N. Bosworth MacChesney, Jr., born in 1921, a student in Lansingburgh High School.

SAMUEL AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, D. V. M.—For many years Dr. Samuel Augustus Johnson has effectively served the community of Kinderhook as a veterinary physician, and he operates here a small animal hospital that has met the needs of many a four-footed creature in the district. Both he and his wife have taken a deep interest in Kinderhook and Columbia County affairs, and have shown their eagerness to support every enterprise reflecting favorably upon this region.

Dr. Johnson was born December 22, 1905, in Guilford, New York, son of Jed Homer and Jessie Adeline (Stebbins) Johnson and member of a very ancient family who, according to family records, on the maternal side, trace their ancestry back to Charlemagne, Emperor of Franks and Romans, born in 742, died January 28, 814. The Stebbins family appeared early in America, where many of its members were noted figures in Colonial times, especially in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Jed Homer Johnson, Dr. Johnson's father, was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Samuel Augustus Johnson attended public schools in Otsego County, New York, and after graduation from high school became a student at Cornell University, where, in 1929, he took the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Upon leaving college, he was associated with Dr. L. L. Parker, in Catskill, New York, for one year. In 1930 he removed to Kinderhook, where he established his own professional practice. In 1932 Dr. Johnson built a modern small animal hospital, equipped with every variety of up-to-date equipment obtainable. He later bought, in 1939, the old Hotaling House, which, with the land on which it stands, adjoins the property on which the animal hospital was built.

In addition to his other activities, Dr. Johnson is a school trustee of his district. He is president and a charter member of the Tri-Village Rod and Gun Club, a member of the Ghent Rod and Gun Club, and a leader in the Grange and a Past Master of his lodge in the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs also to the Volunteer Fire Department, and is affiliated with different professional societies—the Hudson Valley Veterinary Medical Society, of which he is secretary-treasurer, and the New York State Veterinary Medical Society. He is also affiliated with the Phi Kappa Phi undergraduate fraternity, the Alpha Psi veterinary fraternity, and the college society known as the Scabbard and Blade. During his college course, Dr. Johnson was made a first lieutenant in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps after taking R. O. T. C. training. He is a member of the First Dutch Reformed Church.

In Elmira, New York, November 26, 1932, Dr. Samuel Augustus Johnson married Blanche Kathryn Dolph, a native of that city, born December 19, 1905, daughter of George Alfred and Ida Elizabeth (Ingrick) Dolph, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Johnson, after being graduated from the Buffalo State Teachers' College in 1926, taught in Buffalo from 1927 to 1930 and in Hicksville, Long Island, from 1930 to 1932, when she was married. She is associate matron and a past conductress of Eda Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of the local Grange, and a member of the Kinderhook Garden Club. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of the following children: 1. Gail Elizabeth Johnson, born January 30, 1936. 2. Nancy Ann Johnson, born February 6, 1938.

JOHN F. BENNISON—As a lawyer at Fort Plain, John F. Bennison continues the career at the bar which he began when he was first admitted to practice in 1931. He is active in many professional connections as well as the responsibilities of public life.

Mr. Bennison was born at Frankfort, Herkimer County, on October 6, 1903, son of Patrick C. and Anna (Tobin) Bennison. Patrick C. Bennison, who was born in England in 1862 and died at Frankfort on July 10, 1934, was brought to this country about 1863 by his father, who settled in Rome, New York. He was a coal dealer in Frankfort for forty years. During his career at Frankfort he served as village trustee and was active in the Knights of Columbus, in which he had taken the fourth degree. Anna (Tobin) Bennison, the mother, was born at Frankfort, New York, in 1863, and died on February 7, 1935. They were the parents of six children: 1. William T., was an official in the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company; died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in March, 1941. 2. Harold H., an optometrist in Amsterdam, New York. 3. Colonel R. T., a graduate of West Point, now in the Quartermaster Corps. 4. James W., an attorney in Frankfort, New York. 5. Dr. C. R., a dentist in Frankfort. 6. John F., of Fort Plain, New York, an assemblyman representing Montgomery County.

John F. Bennison was educated in the public schools of Frankfort, where he completed the high school course in 1922, and subsequently attended Niagara University. He thereafter studied law at Fordham University Law School in New York City and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1929. Meanwhile, in 1926, he secured part time employment with the Title Guarantee & Trust Company in New York City and continued with this organization after completing his law course until 1931, serving as examiner. On April 2, 1931, he was admitted to the New York bar and came to Montgomery County, entering the office of William Joseph Crangle, now county judge, at St. Johnsville. In 1933 he established his independent practice at Fort Plain, where his professional activities have since centered. He practices in all courts and has special responsibilities as village attorney of Fort Plain, an office to which he was appointed in 1938. In 1935 he was also elected justice of the peace and in 1939 was reelected for a four-year term, from which office he resigned on January 1, 1941. During his residence at Fort Plain he has been prominent in Republican politics and in 1940

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received the designation of his party for State Assemblyman and was elected as Assemblyman for Montgomery County in the November election of 1940, carrying further his career in public life.

Mr. Bennison is a member of the New York State and Montgomery County Bar associations and the New York State Magistrates Association. He has been active in many community organizations, including the Fort Plain Community Club, of which he was president, the Men's Republican Club, the Fort Plain Fire Department, M. V. T. A. Association, and the Fort Plain Aviation Committee, on which he has been appointed to serve. He is affiliated with Amsterdam Lodge, No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Bennison is also a member of the Gamma Eta Gamma fraternity, the Canajoharie Country Club, the Otsquago Fish and Game Club of Fort Plain, and the St. Johnsville Fish and Game Club. At Fort Plain he is a member of St. James' Roman Catholic Church. He is fond of all sports and turns to them for recreation.

On May 30, 1934, in New York City, John F. Bennison married Irene McGroarty, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of William McGroarty. They are the parents of two sons, Stephen W., born at Fort Plain on May 10, 1938, and John F., born at Fort Plain, September 1, 1941.

RAYMOND J. HANNON—During the greater part of his professional career, Raymond J. Hannon has been a certified public accountant in Troy. He is now a member of the firm of Franke, Hannon & Withey, leading accountants in this city, and a prominent figure in the general life of Troy.

Mr. Hannon was born in Olean on June 9, 1894, son of James C. and Carolyn H. (Hodges) Hannon, both now deceased. His father was a stationary engineer employed by the New York Transit Company.

After completing his preliminary education with his graduation from Olean High School in 1913, Raymond J. Hannon entered the School of Commerce of New York University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science in 1917. In August, 1917, he enlisted in the Ordnance Department, United States Army, for World War service at Washington Barracks, Washington, District of Columbia, and in February, 1918, sailed overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces for service at the Ordnance Base Depot of the American armies in France. He was commissioned second lieutenant in February, 1918, and while on active duty in France was promoted to first lieutenant and subsequently to captain. After the Armistice he was assigned to serve in Paris to assist in settling accounts between the French and American governments. In September, 1919, he received his discharge from the service and in October resumed the professional career interrupted by the war. At this time he became an accountant with Scovell, Wellington & Company, a connection he continued until December, 1922. His career in Troy dates from the close of 1922, when he came to this city as resident manager of the office of Naramore, Niles & Company, certified public accountants. In 1928 the firm was dissolved and a successor firm, Franke, Graef & Hannon was organized. Mr. Hannon became a partner. In 1929 a reorganization took place, and the present firm of Franke, Hannon & Withey, came into existence. Mr. Hannon remains active in its business. He is widely known professionally and has been retained by many leading corporations in various parts of the country. He was also called in to examine the books of Louisiana State University in the situation which won national attention when President Smith of Louisiana State University fled to Canada.

Aside from his position as a leading accountant of Troy, Mr. Hannon has other claims upon the regard of the city because of his activity in many civic interests. He was president of the Troy Rotary Club in 1939-40 and is a director of the club; is past director of the Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Budget Committee of the Community Chest; and is affiliated with many other institutions of the city, including Apollo Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons; the Troy Country Club, of which he is a former governor; and the Troy Club, in which he was formerly a director. Mr. Hannon is also affiliated with the Beta Gamma Sigma fraternity and with the American Legion. He is a trustee of the First Baptist Church of Troy and a member and former treasurer of the Troy Vocal Society, an organization for the performance of vocal music, which is now about seventy years old. This connection indicates his interest in music and singing, which have long been favorite hobbies. He is also fond of golf and summer camping.

In 1921, at Olean, New York, Raymond J. Hannon married Cherrie Rapp, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rapp. They are the parents of one daughter, Janet E. Hannon, born at Troy in 1925.

ALFRED LAKE COONS—The broad business background of Alfred Lake Coons has excellently equipped him for the performance of his present duties as postmaster of Elizaville. He takes the deepest interest in Columbia County affairs, and in a variety of ways has contributed to the well-being of this district of New York State.

Mr. Coons was born in 1886 in Catskill, New York, son of Alfred and Hannah (Buckley) Coons. His father was for years a Methodist minister in Ulster and Greene counties.

Alfred Lake Coons attended Ulster County schools, and after completing his high school studies was employed as bookkeeper with an Ulster County paper company. In 1917 he removed to Elizaville, where he learned the retail merchandise business. In 1925 he bought a general store here, owning and operating it down to the time of writing. On November 5, 1923, Mr. Coons was appointed postmaster here, and he still serves in this capacity.

Mr. Coons has friends in many places, since his store and his work are centered in the heart of the summer camp and resort district, and people from all parts of the country come flocking here in the warm months of the year to spend their holidays. Mr. Coons has made a deep study of the history of the Catskill district and the Capital Region, and his opinions on important local questions are regarded with the utmost respect. He is a member of the Livingston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Methodist Church. During the World War he was chairman of the local board for the Liberty Bond drive.

In Elizaville, New York, Alfred Lake Coons married Margaret Leach, daughter of William and Rosalia (Fingar) Leach, of Columbia County. The marriage took place December 16, 1908. A son, Erwin Leach Coons, was born of the marriage on December 14, 1909. He became a teacher in Poughkeepsie High School. He married Sarah Law, of Rome, New York, and they have two children: 1. Anita Lou Coons, born August 11, 1936. 2. William Alfred Coons, born December 14, 1939.

WILLIS A. BATHRICK—Carrying on extensive general farming operations on the old farm of his family in Red Hook, Willis A. Bathrick is one of Columbia County's widely known and outstanding citizens.

Mr. Bathrick was born November 15, 1881, in Columbia County, New York, son of Wesley and Phœbe (Lynk) Bathrick. His parents were both of this county. The father, born in 1859, died in 1922, was a farmer by occupation, and was at one time a town supervisor. The mother was born in Copake.

Public schools provided Willis A. Bathrick's early education, and he decided to devote himself to agricultural pursuits. He has remained on the farm of his father, a two hundred-acre property, on which he does a general line of farming, raising fruit, vegetables and greens and also keeping sheep and hogs and doing a sizable dairy business. He has done everything in his power to keep his agricultural operations up to the highest standards of scientific farming, and has at the same time come to occupy a leading place in the life of his community as a whole.

Since 1925 he has been treasurer of the Grange, in whose work he has long been active. For twelve years he was a member of the Town Board of Gallatin, and in 1937 was made supervisor, succeeding M. L. Fingar. During the World War period he was at the head of Red Cross work in Gallatin and its environs. He is also a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

In 1903 Mr. Bathrick married Maggie Kilmer, of Columbia County, New York. They became the parents of one son, Allen W. Bathrick, born December 15, 1909, a graduate of high school in Pine Plains, who married Dorothy Hyde. Allen W. and Dorothy (Hyde) Bathrick have two sons, Richard and William Bathrick.

GEORGE MARSHALL—Carrying on extensive activities in the agricultural world, George Marshall is widely known as a dairy farmer and is recognized as a leading figure in the civic life of his district.

Mr. Marshall was born August 27, 1864, in Chatham, Columbia County, New York, son of Samuel and Ellen (Bresnahan) Marshall. His father, a farmer and a justice of the peace in Dutchess County, this State, died in 1875. The mother, who came from London, England, to this country, died in 1920.

George Marshall received his early education in public schools, and was connected for nearly fifty years with the butter and egg business in New York City. He was at first with Ambler Brothers, in the retail business, then was with Long Brothers, in the wholesale branch of the trade. Finally he became chief buyer for the Progressive Grocery Stores, a chain-store system having sixteen stores when Mr. Marshall first became associated with them, but whose stores had mounted to two hundred in number by the time he left. In 1924 he came back to Chatham, where he is still engaged in extensive dairy farming operations and has a fine herd of Holstein cows. He also manages a 144-acre farm for his son-in-law.

Though Mr. Marshall gives his major time to agriculture, he is widely known among his former colleagues in the butter and egg business, many of whom have remained his close friends. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and to the Methodist Church.

In 1893 George Marshall married May Belle Atkinson, of New York City, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Irene Marshall, wife of Richard Van Hoeten. 2. Ellen Marshall, wife of Louis Hartcorn. 3. May Belle Marshall, wife of Harry Gutman. 4. Georgette Marshall, wife of Robert Leslie.

MORTON L. CLARK—A pioneer in the manufacture of silk fabrics, Morton L. Clark has devoted his active career to the textile industry and during the past twenty years has been engaged in business at Hudson,

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Columbia County, where he is now operating as M. L. Clark. He is also one of Hudson's best known civic leaders.

Mr. Clark was born at Fultonville, Montgomery County, on April 12, 1875, son of Morton L. Clark, who was born in Vermont and died in 1889, and Matilda H. (Firth) Clark, who was of English birth. He received a public school education and launched his career in 1889 at Fultonville, where he was employed in local textile mills, beginning in his fourteenth year. After twelve years he removed to Gloversville, where he was foreman of a factory, following which he was associated with the plant of Julius Kayser & Company at Amsterdam until 1919. Since 1919 his activities have centered at Hudson.

Upon his arrival in this city, Mr. Clark, with his brothers, S. A. Clark and H. L. Clark, organized the textile firm of Clark Brothers and embarked upon the manufacture of silk fabrics, originally on a small scale. As the business developed, however, the company grew rapidly. It was incorporated in 1923 under the name of the Gorham Mills and was eventually sold in 1933. Six years later, Mr. Clark resumed business under the name of M. L. Clark, of which he has been sole owner since its establishment in 1939. In point of service, he is one of the country's oldest silk manufacturers. He has always kept pace with developments in the industry, and his experience and knowledge are reflected in the success of his present company, whose products are marketed all over the United States.

During his residence at Hudson, Mr. Clark has also contributed substantially to the city's life aside from his position as a manufacturer and employer. He has served as alderman of the city, as commissioner of public works and as a member of the Charity Commission, and is now president of the Hudson Board of Education. As a public official he has many claims upon the regard of the city, which values his devotion, vision and public spirit.

Mr. Clark is affiliated with Hudson Lodge, No. 7, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and is a member of the various higher Masonic bodies in the York Rite, including the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander. He has been interested in the Boy Scout movement, in which he was active in the past, serving as scout master during the World War period. A Methodist in religious faith, he is a member of the official board of his church.

In 1898, Mr. Clark married Jessie E. Beakle, of New York. They are the parents of one son, Judson M., who married Doris J. Codet.

J. EDWARD GRANT, M. D.—Carrying on an extensive practice of medicine in Northville, Dr. J. Edward Grant is recognized as one of his community's leading citizens. He has figured prominently in public affairs, having held several offices, including that of mayor, and he is respected and admired in a wide circle.

Dr. Grant was born March 31, 1873, in Westville, New York, son of James B. and Maria Lydia (Pratt) Grant. His father, born in Franklin, New York, was originally a clergyman, but later became a book store owner, so continuing until his retirement in 1920. The mother was born in Milford, New York, daughter of Edward Pratt, M. D., and Helen (Newell) Pratt.

Public schools of Hamilton provided J. Edward Grant's early formal education, and he was graduated from Colgate Academy and in 1897 took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Colgate University. He then studied at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York City, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1900. From the turn of the century until 1908 he practiced his profession in New York. Then he came to Northville, where he has since been engaged in a general practice of medicine. Formerly he was a member of the New York County Medical Society, and Dr. Grant now belongs to the Fulton County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the staff of Littauer Hospital, in Gloversville, and he has rendered a valuable service in his community as health officer of the consolidated district of Northville and the town of Northampton, as well as of the towns of Hope and Benson, in Hamilton County, and the town of Edinburg, in Saratoga County. He is a member of the New York State Health Officers' Association and the American Public Health Association, the New York State Association of School Physicians, the American School Health Association, the Sacandaga Grange P. of H. He is company physician of the Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville Railroad, and since 1920 he has served as president of the Fulton County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association.

Politically Dr. Grant is a Republican. He has served as trustee of the village of Northville for two terms and as mayor for two years. Further service as health officer of the different villages mentioned above rounds out a career of useful public service in the Northville community. He is a director of the Northville Land & Lumber Company here and a member, and former president, of the Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Fish House Lodge, No. 298, of which he is Past Master, Sacandaga Chapter, No. 116, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest, Holy Cross

Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar, of Gloversville, New York, and Pastmasters' Association of the Nineteenth Masonic District. He is a member of the Eccentric Club of Gloversville and of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. J. Edward Grant married, June 30, 1906, Grace Torrey, of New York City, daughter of David A. and Mary (Gillespie) Torrey, the former of Edinburg, New York. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Mary Katherine Grant, wife of Harold Abrams, of Monte Vista, Colorado, and mother of their two children: Mary Ann and Helen Grant Abrams. 2. Helen Torrey Grant, wife of Dr. Leslie A. Backus, physician and surgeon, of Gloversville, New York.

ROSCOE D. IVES—In 1919, when he retired from business in New York City, Roscoe D. Ives settled in Columbia County, purchasing the farm at Philmont which is now his home. He has been active in county affairs during his residence here and is now supervisor of the town of Claverack.

Mr. Ives was born at Batavia, Genesee County, New York, on October 2, 1872, son of Henry and Anna (Ross) Ives. His father, a farmer, born in Madison County, New York, died in 1889. His mother, who came from New York City, died in 1912.

Roscoe D. Ives received a public school education. Although he was reared on a farm, his early interests led him in other directions and after learning telegraphy, he began his career as a telegraph operator with the New York Central Railroad. This connection he continued from 1890 to 1899. It was terminated when he entered the employ of a large chemical manufacturing house in New York City and during nineteen years of service, he rose to important positions in the organization. In the fall of 1919, however, he resigned from the company and retired from business life. It was at that time that he purchased his farm in Philmont, whose management has occupied him for more than twenty years.

Mr. Ives was elected assessor of the town of Claverack for the term 1935-36. In 1937 he was elected supervisor of the town and member of the County Board of Supervisors, on which he has since served. His interest in public affairs and in the progress of the county has featured his activities as a public official.

In addition to these associations, Mr. Ives has had an extended military career. In 1898 he enlisted in the 71st New York Volunteers for service in the Spanish-American War and was sent to Cuba where he participated actively in the Cuban campaign. After the war, he became a member of the New York National Guard and rose from the ranks to the grade of battalion sergeant major. The entry of the United States into the World War, brought him once more to active service. Assigned to duty with the Tank Corps, he was sent to Fort Slocum and afterward to other army stations, including the post at Fort Hancock, at Sandy Hook, and at Fort Niagara, where he received his discharge following the termination of the war, with the rank of first lieutenant. Subsequently he was commissioned captain in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Mr. Ives became an early member of the American Legion and is Past Vice-Commander of the local post. He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Grange and the Dutch Arms Club and a member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder.

In 1899, Mr. Ives married Minerva Tuttle, of Brooklyn, New York. They are the parents of two children: William Wallace and Kathryn Minerva, a graduate of Hope College and of Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, now a registered nurse.

VALENTINE S. STEUERWALD—In 1922 Valentine S. Steuerwald turned from his earlier career as a farmer and established the general contracting business which he has since successfully continued at Chatham. His long previous service as town superintendent of Austerlitz provided him with valuable experience in this field and made him widely known throughout the area because of his record of efficient public service.

Mr. Steuerwald was born at Spencertown, Columbia County, on September 4, 1879, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Steitz) Steuerwald. His father, a farmer, died in 1924, and the mother in 1938. Both came of Columbia County families.

Valentine S. Steuerwald received a public school education and devoted his early years to farming in this county, operating a 220-acre farm until 1922. His service as town superintendent dated from 1906 and was continued without interruption until 1925. This period covered the origin and much of the development of the town's present modern highway system, and it was under Mr. Steuerwald's supervision that many of the concrete bridges and concrete roads now in use were constructed. He established and maintained high standards, to the consequent benefit of the town, which still enjoys the fruits of his work.

It was with this background that he turned to general contracting in 1922, and the same high standards have marked his work as a private business man. During the past eighteen years he has received and executed many contracts in the Chatham area, where his activities have continued to center. After his retirement as town superintendent, Mr. Steuerwald also continued for some years in public life. In 1929 he was elected supervisor of the town and served in this capacity on the County Board of Supervisors until 1936.

Mr. Steuerwald is affiliated with the local Grange, of which he has been Master three different times, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1901 he married Charlotte B. Harvey, of Austerlitz, Columbia County. Mr. and Mrs. Steuerwald are the parents of five children: Florence E., who married Howard Gearing; Harvey M., who married Marian Pulver; Elizabeth M., who married F. C. McQuade; Charles V., who married Johanna Pulcher; and Charlotte B. There are also six grandchildren, three boys and three girls.

CHARLES EDWARD HALLENBECK—Operating what is known as one of Columbia County's leading insurance agencies, Charles Edward Hallenbeck is head of the firm of C. E. Hallenbeck & Son, of Hudson. This firm has undergone a number of changes in the course of an interesting business history, but it marks, without doubt, a straight line of insurance achievement through all these transfers in title and alterations in name, and is today one of the oldest enterprises of its kind in this district.

Mr. Hallenbeck was born October 30, 1876, in Athens, Greene County, New York, son of James R. and Harriet Hallenbeck, of Coxsackie, in that same county. His father, a farmer, died in 1888. The mother died in 1932. The name of Hallenbeck is an old and honored one in this region, dating back to pioneer days in Greene County.

Public schools provided Charles Edward Hallenbeck's early formal education, and later he attended the Albany Business School. He then worked for the American Express Company for three years. He was engaged in bookkeeping activities for twenty-nine years with the C. A. Van Deusen Company, and afterward took up other lines of business on his own account until 1932, when he turned his attention to insurance. In that year he bought the holdings of Philip & Harvey, Inc., as the Hallenbeck agency was then styled. Independently engaged in his work until 1938, he then admitted to partnership with him his son, Arthur R. Hallenbeck, and the firm name was changed to its present form—C. E. Hallenbeck & Son. This enterprise handles all kinds of insurance, including life protection. Originally established in 1863, it is one of the very old businesses of Columbia County; and Mr. Hallenbeck, through his management of it, has not only maintained the wise policies of past heads of the firm, but has added special innovations of his own to keep it in line with the times.

Also taking a lively interest in civic and social affairs, Charles E. Hallenbeck is a member of a number of local clubs. Fraternally he is connected with Hudson Lodge, No. 7, Free and Accepted Masons, and he acts as treasurer of the Columbia County Lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Lutheran in his religious faith. He is justly proud of his attainment in the business world and of his family. For business and family constitute his two major interests.

In 1901 Charles Edward Hallenbeck married Lillie E. Riddle, of Newport, New York. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. E. Clifford Hallenbeck, born in 1904. 2. Doris J. Hallenbeck, born in 1914, who became the wife of John L. Kelly; they have a daughter, Patricia Ann Kelly. 3. Arthur R. Hallenbeck, born in 1918, a graduate of the Hudson High School, now active in business with his father, as indicated above. 4. Stanley G. Hallenbeck, born in 1922, and was graduated from the Hudson High School in 1940.

ELLSWORTH B. WEAVER—Operating one of the older type of general store in Copake Falls, Ellsworth B. Weaver is widely known throughout this region of New York State.

Mr. Weaver was born September 14, 1903, in Ancram, Columbia County, New York, son of Edward A. and Laura (Buckbee) Weaver. His father, a farmer in this county, died in 1918. The mother came from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Public schools provided Ellsworth B. Weaver's early formal education, and after he completed his high school studies he spent a few years with the Borden Company in one of their large dairy plants. In 1930 Mr. Weaver determined to go into business on his own account, and, with this end in view, opened a general store in Copake Falls. He has continued to conduct this store down to the time of writing. It has come to be recognized as a leading business institution in the life of Copake Falls, and has the distinction of combining the best features of the all-around store of former days with the modern style of business enterprise, depending upon widely scattered regions for its merchandise and offering its customers the advantages of practically world-wide sources of goods at reasonable prices.

Mr. Weaver, in addition to his business activities, is active in fraternal circles as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Past Master of his lodge and a member of the Past Masters' Association. He belongs to the local Rod and Gun Club and the Fishing Club, and is intensely fond of sports and of outdoor life. He attends the Methodist Church.

In 1927 Ellsworth B. Weaver married Cesserine H. Roberts, of Columbia County, New York, daughter of William and Mary (Horpradt) Roberts. The Horpradts are one of the old pioneer families of the county.

FRANK S. DEYOE—Since coming to Kinderhook, in 1924, Frank S. Deyoe has been engaged in the drug business here and has taken an active interest in everything having to do with Columbia County's welfare.

Mr. Deyoe was born May 10, 1893, in Johnstown, Fulton County, New York, son of George M. and Caroline (Searing) Deyoe, of Saratoga, New York.

Public schools provided Frank S. Deyoe's early formal education, and he later attended Ohio Northern University, where he was made a Graduate in Pharmacy in 1914. He was about ready to become actively started in business on his own account when war-time conditions during the World War quite upset his career for the time. Entering the United States Army, he was attached to the 77th Division Medical Corps and served as top sergeant with the American Expeditionary Forces. Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Deyoe was in business for five years in Johnstown, Fulton County. In 1924 he came to Kinderhook, Columbia County, and started in business on his own account. He has continued at the same site down to the time of writing, and has developed a store that is thoroughly up-to-date in all its details.

Not only is Mr. Deyoe known as one of Kinderhook's foremost business men, but he is prominent in civic life. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as a county committeeman of his party. He has also been deputy sheriff of Columbia County since 1926. He has taken an active part in all enterprises having to do with the growth and development of his county, and is justly proud of his children. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, is a Past Commander of his post of the American Legion, and is connected also with the war-time organization known as the "40 and 8." He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1920 Frank S. Deyoe married Helen E. Warner, of Gloversville, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Frank S. Deyoe, Jr., born November 12, 1920, a student at Springfield Physical Training College. 2. Warner S. Deyoe, born February 8, 1926.

FRANKLIN WEBSTER CRISTMAN—In the city of Herkimer, Franklin Webster Cristman has made a notable contribution to his fellow-citizens, not alone in the practice of law, but in banking, civic activities and a number of other undertakings.

Mr. Cristman was born January 11, 1869, in Columbia, Herkimer County, New York, son of James and Catharine (Steele) Cristman and member of an old family. The founder of the Cristman line in America came from Heidelberg, Germany, landing at New York in 1711 and going thence up the Hudson River to Livingston Manor, thence to Schoharie, and finally, in 1723, to German Flats, which became Herkimer. On the Steele side of the house, the line dates back to Rudolph Stahl or Staley, patentee of Staley's first and second tracts of thirty-four thousand acres in Columbia and German Flats, Herkimer County. The maternal grandparents were James and Elizabeth (Spohn) Steele.

Franklin W. Cristman, who was his parents' only son, studied in Herkimer County schools, then at Pulaski Academy, where he was graduated in 1889. He then matriculated at the Albany Law School, and in 1892 received from Union University the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was a member of Delta Chi law fraternity. In the same year he became a resident of Herkimer, where, two years later, in 1894, he was admitted to the New York State bar. For eleven years he was a member of the National Guard of this State, and served in the Spanish-American War. Early in his career he began taking a lively interest in public affairs, becoming a member of the Republican party. He was elected from his county to the New York State Assembly in November, 1913, succeeding the Hon. E. Bert Pullman, Democrat, in that office. He served with such ability and distinction that he was nominated and elected to the State Senate for 1915 and 1916 to represent the Thirty-second Senatorial District. His record in the Senate was highly satisfying to his constituents, earning for him wide admiration and respect. In 1926 he was a candidate for the office of United States Senator as an Independent Republican, running against Wagner.

In April, 1917, when the United States became involved in the World War, Mr. Cristman was made chairman of the home defense committee of Herkimer County, and he gave practically his full time to that effort until the close of the war, in November, 1918, serving without compensation. He received afterward a personal letter from Governor Charles S. Whitman, commending him for his work. He has been interested in many Herkimer County and Capital Region institutions, having been president of the National Mohawk Valley Bank, of Mohawk, and a director of the Herkimer National Bank, of Herkimer. He is also president of the Cristman Land & Improvement Company, Inc., of Ilion, a trustee of Syracuse University and a director and treasurer of Folts Mission Institute. He was for years prominent in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Herkimer Lodge, No. 423, Little Falls Commandery, Knights Templar, and Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Utica. He is secretary of the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of its Empire State Society. He belongs to the Herkimer County Bar Association, the Herkimer County Historical Society, of which he has been corresponding secretary since its organization, and the Delta Chi fraternity. He

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has been particularly interested in genealogical research and in historical matters generally. He has a fine library pertaining to Mohawk Valley history. In 1927 he became the author of a book entitled, "Herkimer County in the World War, 1916 to 1918." He has been, since 1905, a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Burial of Deceased Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of Herkimer County, New York. In leisure time he enjoys farming and outdoor life, and finds his principal relaxation in summer months and on week-ends at the family camp at Lake Rondaxe, in the Adirondack Mountains.

Franklin Webster Cristman married, September 23, 1903, in Herkimer, New York, Camilla Quackenbush, eldest daughter of Henry M. and Emily (Wood) Quackenbush, of Herkimer. Mrs. Cristman was descended from early Scottish chieftains, according to family records, and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a graduate of Syracuse University, holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine. She passed away on July 25, 1925. Senator and Mrs. Cristman had a son, Marx Quackenbush Cristman, who was born December 19, 1909. He was educated in the Herkimer High School, graduated from Syracuse University in 1932 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, then from the College of Law with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1935. He was married, August 3, 1935, to Bess R. Templeton, daughter of Herbert A. and Ruth (Roberts) Templeton, of Portland, Oregon. She was educated in the University of Oregon, Bachelor of Science, 1931; Syracuse University, Master of Science, 1933. Until 1935 she was employed in the Dean of Women's office at Syracuse University as vocational counsel. They are the parents of one child: 1. Camilla, born October 3, 1939. Mr. Cristman is practicing law in Herkimer. Since January, 1938, he has been attorney for the town of Herkimer. He is a member of Zeta Psi, Pi Gamma Mu, Masons, Pi Delta Epsilon, and Louis Marshall Law Society. He is also a member of Cedar Lake Club, the American Radio Relay League, and the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Republican.

LAWYER JUSTICE WRIGHT—The active career of Lawyer Justice Wright, of Old Stone House, Schoharie County, may be divided into two parts—two decades of successful business, twenty years as the efficient County Superintendent of Highways. The first part of his career was an excellent preparation for the second part, since his private business activities were all identified with road transportation. During that period he witnessed the change from the horse-drawn vehicle to the automobile, and kept pace with this progress. He also saw the improvement from the rutted country road to the hard-surfaced highway, and in the past two decades has been outstanding in his leadership in providing better transportation facilities in Schoharie County.

Wright is an ancient name derived from the Anglo-Saxon "wryhta" meaning artisan, especially one who works with hard materials. The first of the name on record in England was John Wright, who in 1509 was granted a baronetcy, that permitted him to sit in Parliament. He was "lord" of Kelvedon Hall, Kelvedon, County Essex, England. The family has its coat-of-arms, crest and the motto *"Fuimus"* (We have been). Brook Hall soon became the family seat in Britain, and one American progenitor, Thomas, born at Brook Hall, November 19, 1610, came to Watertown, Massachusetts, but removed to Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1638-39, where he died in 1670. It is from this Thomas that Lawyer Justice Wright is believed to have descended.

Mr. Wright was born in the town of Seward, New York, March 3, 1877, son of Dawson Young and Ella (Lawyer) Wright and grandson of Justice Wright. His father, a native of Schoharie County, who died in 1915, was a postmaster under appointment by Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Wright, who died in 1909, was the daughter of John W. Lawyer, granddaughter of Philip Snyder and the great-granddaughter of "Yankee Pete" Snyder, of Gallupville Road, just outside Schoharie Village. There were six children born to Dawson Young and Ella (Lawyer) Wright, of whom only Clifford S., of Middleburgh, New York, and the subject of this biography, survive.

Lawyer Justice Wright was educated in the local district schools and Schoharie Academy, and then went with an uncle for nine years, during which he learned the livery business. At the turn of the present century he established his own business and became widely known not alone for his "rigs" but for personal knowledge of the roads, settlements and people over a very large area west of Albany. He was one of the first to envision the future popularity of the automobile, and himself was one of the first two in Schoharie to purchase a horseless carriage. From 1908 to 1920 he specialized in selling motor cars and trucks. In his own livery, in 1912, he had fifteen horses, four auto trucks and two taxis, which shows somewhat the relation of the horse to the motor car in that period of more than a quarter of a century ago. Incidentally, Mr. Wright had the first gasoline pump in Schoharie County, besides being among the pioneers in the automotive industry here.

In 1920 L. J. Wright became County Superintendent of Highways, an appointment which met with universal approval. Three years later he turned over his business interests to his son, Dawson Young Wright, and since that year has devoted his whole energy to the performance of the weighty duties of his office. He has about 1,235 miles of roads under his supervision. One of the modern features of highway work is snow removal from the highways, an expensive process quite unknown to the people of a comparatively few years ago.

Mr. Wright is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the Schoharie Valley Lodge, No. 491, Free and Accepted Masons, and the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a lifelong Republican and a former town clerk of Schoharie. A member of the Dutch Reformed Church, he has served it as deacon for twelve years.

On April 10, 1901, Lawyer Justice Wright married Margaret Warner, daughter of Serena and Catherine Warner, of Schoharie Village, her father a farmer, and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the parents of a son: Dawson Young, born in Schoharie in 1906. He received his education in the local school and attended Cornell University for two years. He then returned to Schoharie to go into business with his father and is now sales agent for the Dodge and Plymouth motor cars, and operator of a Socony gas station. He married Loleta Wilsey, daughter of Ira Wilsey, of Schoharie.

A thing of historical interest is the ownership of Lawyer Justice Wright of the "Old Stone House" and adjoining acres. There is a marker, placed by the Schoharie County Historical Society, on which are the words: "Swarts' Tavern erected about 1772. A duel between Philip Schuyler and Josiah (was) fought back of building in 1820." A marker on the corner of the house reads: "Old Stone House built around 1772 and used for many years as a tavern. Set on fire by Indians October 17, 1780, while family was in adjacent Old Stone Fort. Patriot soldiers put out the fire. Owned, 1803, by Peter B. Snyder and, 1833, by Lodowick Fries."

Mr. Wright is a lover of horses, specializing in trotting horses, and exhibits at all nearby tracks.

In 1875 Justice Wright, grandfather of Lawyer J. Wright, became the owner of Old Stone House, and utilized the land as a dairy farm. He also managed the Gardner farm, one of the Schoharie show places of that day. Grandfather Wright used to ship his milk to the Delavan Hotel in Albany, and sent much down to New York City by the Hudson River night boats.

RUSSELL SUTER—As an engineer of long experience and distinguished record, Russell Suter brings to the service of the State professional qualifications of a high order. He has held successive appointments in the State departments since 1910 and is now executive engineer and secretary of the Water Power and Control Commission.

Mr. Suter was born at St. Louis, Missouri, on March 7, 1878, son of Charles Russell and Martha Parker (Winkley) Suter. His father, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, on May 4, 1842, was an officer of the United States Army, who rose to the rank of brigadier-general in the corps of engineers during almost half a century of service, from 1858 to 1906. As a young officer during the Civil War, he served at Cedar Mountain, the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, where he was wounded in action, Fredericksburg, and the siege of Charleston. In after years, as a ranking army engineer, he was a member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Russell Suter received his early education under private tutors and subsequently entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1900. After service with the city engineer of Cambridge, Massachusetts, he was employed by the New York Continental Jewell Filtration Company as engineer in 1901 and in the following year was engineer with the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Commission of the State of Massachusetts in the Water Department. From 1902 to 1906 he was in the Philippines under a civil appointment as supervisor of the Provinces of Surigao and Cavite and later in the departments of engineering and port works.

Upon his return to the United States in 1906, Mr. Suter entered private practice as a civil engineer in the office of John G. Van Horn in New York City. In October of the same year, however, he was appointed assistant designing engineer on the Catskill aqueduct project under the Board of Water Supply of the City of New York and was so engaged until 1910. At the end of this time he became associated with the Water Supply Commission of the State of New York as assistant engineer on water power surveys and continued in his post in 1911, when the department changed its name to the Conservation Commission. In 1917 he was placed in charge of the supervision over public water supplies exercised by that commission, but shortly afterward enlisted for World War service. Mr. Suter attended the Officers' Training Camp at Madison Barracks, was commissioned captain in the engineer reserves and assigned to active duty with the 114th Engineers. From November, 1917, to July, 1919, he was overseas, serving in the Department of Construction of the Water Supply Service of the Service of Supply, American Expeditionary Forces.

After receiving his discharge from the army in 1919, Mr. Suter resumed his duties with the State Conservation Commission. In 1922 he was appointed secretary of the Water Control Commission in the office of the State Engineer and Surveyor, and in 1927 was transferred to the

Department of Public Works and detailed as executive engineer of the Water Power and Control Commission in the Conservation Department. In 1938 he was also appointed secretary of the same commission and has since served in both capacities. The Water Power and Control Commission, which is headed by the Conservation Commissioner as chairman, has the power to issue licenses authorizing the diversion and use for power or other purposes, of any water in which the State has a proprietary right or interest, subject to the approval of the Governor. It administers the conservation law in relation to river regulation by storage reservoirs, river improvement, drainage of agricultural lands; forms river regulating districts and has general supervision over them; and passes on all projects dealing with new or additional sources of public water supply, including all large wells in Long Island counties, whether for public or private purposes. As executive engineer and secretary of the commission, Mr. Suter is its acting head.

Mr. Suter, who is a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor in the State of New York, is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and its New York State and Albany County chapters; the American Society of Civil Engineers and its Mohawk-Hudson section; the American Waterworks Association; the Society of American Military Engineers and the Albany Society of Engineers. He is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Sons of Union Veterans, Fort Orange Post, No. 30, of the American Legion, Voiture No. 348 of the "40 & 8," and the Military Order of the World War. He is a member of the Unitarian Church.

On January 22, 1916, in Albany, Russell Suter married Elsie E. Betts, who was born in this city, daughter of Richard and Mary (Reade) Betts.

LIVINGSTON WADDELL HOUSTON—As chairman of the board of the Ludlow Valve Manufacturing Company, Inc., Livingston Waddell Houston continues the industrial career which he began as an engineer more than a quarter of a century ago. He is active in the general life of Troy and is secretary and treasurer of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he received his own professional training.

Mr. Houston was born at Wyoming, Ohio, on January 18, 1891, son of Archibald Woods and Caroline (Evans) Houston. His father, who was associated with the steel industry for many years, became vice-president of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, but in later life was engaged in the brokerage business in Chicago. At the time of his death he was a resident of Davenport, Iowa; his widow now makes her home at Evanston, Illinois.

Livingston Waddell Houston received his preliminary education in the public schools of Evanston and afterward entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated with the degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1913. In 1913-14 he served as assistant engineer with the Mobile Gas Company, at Mobile, Alabama. From 1914 to 1917, he was assistant manager of the inspection department of the Griffin Wheel Company in Chicago. This connection was interrupted by the entry of the United States into the World War. Mr. Houston had enlisted as a private in a field artillery regiment of the Illinois National Guard in 1915. He saw service on the Mexican border in 1916. In 1917 he was commissioned captain in the Ordnance Department, serving at home and overseas until 1919, when he received his honorable discharge and returned to civil life.

Immediately after the war, Mr. Houston joined the Ludlow Valve Manufacturing Company, Inc. Beginning as production manager in 1919, he subsequently became factory manager, took over more general responsibilities as treasurer and was later appointed general manager of the company. In 1932 he was elected president and continued as executive head of the company until January 1, 1941 when he became chairman of the board. Mr. Houston is also a director of the Ludlow Valve Manufacturing Company, a director of the Manufacturers Bank of Troy and the Albia Paper & Box Company of this city, and director and treasurer of the Community Hotels Company. He is a trustee of the Troy Savings Bank, Troy Public Library and Samaritan Hospital, of which he is a former vice-president, the Marshall Sanitarium at Troy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute since 1925, when he became secretary of the college in 1932 and secretary and treasurer in 1935. During these years he has played an active part in its administration. Mr. Houston is also a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce and American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Associated Industries of New York State and the National Association of Manufacturers, serving on a number of committees of the latter organization. He is a member of the Engineers Club of New York, the Delta Phi fraternity, the Troy Club and the Troy Country Club, in the latter of which he has been active since its inception as former president and member of the board of governors. Mr. Houston is a Presbyterian in religious faith. He has a farm in Columbia County, which he operates as a hobby and also turns to tennis and sailing for recreation.

On June 16, 1916, at Troy, Mr. Houston married Margery Caldwell, daughter of James H. and Margery (Christie) Caldwell. They are the parents of three daughters: 1. Margery Christie, born in Evanston, Illinois. She is a graduate of Emma Willard School and of Vassar College, where she took the degree of Bachelor of

Arts in 1938, and is now a teacher in the Beaver Country Day School in Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Nancy Evans, born at Troy in November, 1918, a graduate of Emma Willard School and a former student for two years at Sarah Lawrence College at Bronxville, New York. She is now attending Russell Sage College in Troy. 3. Carol Caldwell, born in Troy in April, 1929, now a student at Emma Willard School.

THOMAS F. DOUGHERTY—One of Troy's most active law practices is conducted by Thomas F. Dougherty, who began his professional career in this city a decade ago.

He was born in Troy on March 20, 1904, son of Thomas F. and Katherine (Farrell) Dougherty, the father a former president of the Troy Common Council and for many years an associate in the State Department of Correction.

Mr. Dougherty received his early education in the Troy public schools, completed the La Salle Institute course in 1923, attended Villanova College in 1927, and subsequently entered Fordham University, where he prepared for the profession of law. He was graduated from Fordham in 1930, admitted to the New York bar in the following year, and has since been engaged in the general practice of law in Troy. Mr. Dougherty has advanced steadily in his profession, and the demands upon his services have proportionately increased. He has appeared successfully in various important cases, and his record supports the standing he has won at the bar.

In earlier years, from 1922 to 1924, Mr. Dougherty served an enlistment in Company D, 105th Regiment, New York National Guard. He is a member of the Rensselaer County and New York State Bar associations, is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose and is a member of the Troy Country Club and Tibetts Cadets. Golf is his favorite recreation.

JOHN H. REA—In point of professional service and reputation, John H. Rea is one of the senior members of the Albany bar. He has practiced in this city for more than fifty years and during much of the period has been active in public life.

Mr. Rea was born in Albany on September 11, 1863, a son of John and Nancy (Moore) Rea. His father, who was born in England, came to this country at the age of fourteen and during his active career was a merchant, baker and farmer. Following his retirement, he lived successively in Albany, Mechanicville and Esperance. The mother, Nancy (Moore) Rea, was born in Roscommon, County Monaghan, Ulster, Ireland.

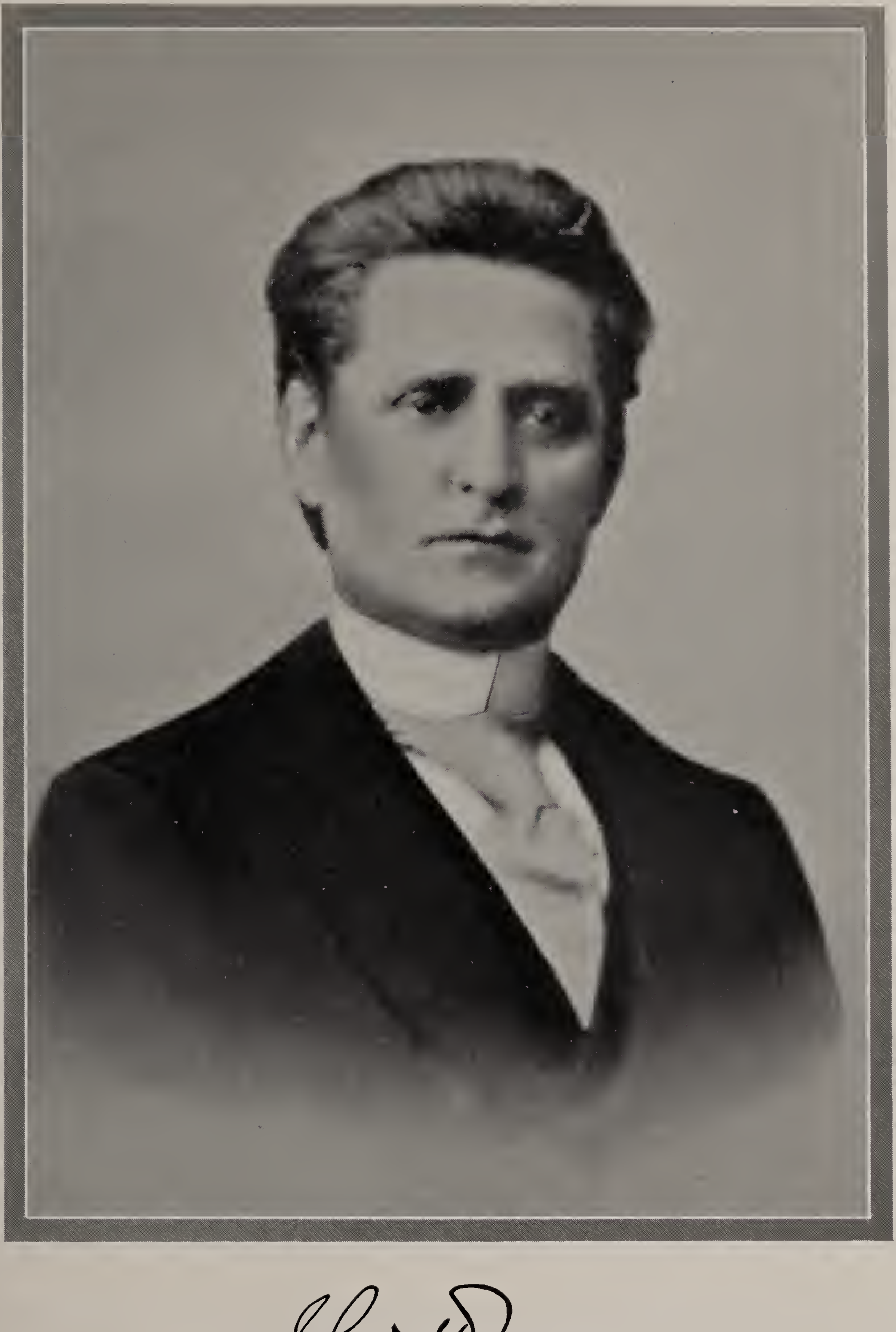
John H. Rea received a public school education in Albany and after the completion of the high school course, prepared for his profession at Albany Business College and Albany Law School. He was graduated from Union University with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, was admitted to the bar and has since been active in his profession. During these years he has carried on a general practice, appearing successfully in all courts and frequently representing important interests. For twenty years he also served as assessor of the city of Albany and as chairman of the board of assessors during this term.

In addition to his professional work and his various civic and public connections, Mr. Rea is well known for his interest in the Odd Fellows Home, at Stuyvesant Landing, Columbia County. He was the founder of the home and during the past thirty-two years has served as president of the Odd Fellows Home Association of Eastern New York. He is active in the general affairs of the American Lodge, No. 32, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served as Deputy Grand Master, and is also affiliated with Temple Lodge, No. 14, Free and Accepted Masons.

EDGAR ALBERT VANDER VEER, M. D.—More than forty years ago, Dr. Edgar Albert Vander Veer began the general practice of medicine at Albany which he has since continued without interruption. He is a leading physician and surgeon of the city and a well-known figure in its life.

Dr. Vander Veer was born in Albany on September 29, 1873, son of Albert and Margaret (Snow) Vander Veer. His father, who was also a surgeon, won distinction in his profession and for some years was also chancellor of the University of the State of New York, heading the State Board of Regents. During the Civil War he served as surgeon and major of the 66th New York Volunteer Infantry.

Edgar Albert Vander Veer received his preparatory education in Albany Academy, following which he was a student at Union College and at Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1895. He prepared for his profession at Albany Medical College, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1898, and in the same year began the general practice whose responsibilities have since occupied him. For more than four decades he has answered many calls upon his services. In addition to his extended private practice, he is attending surgeon at St. Peter's Hospital and consulting surgeon at Memorial Hospital, both in Albany. He has found time amid the pressure of professional duties to serve as a director of the Permanent Savings & Loan



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Association of Albany and is still a member of that board. Among the interests of his leisure hours, Free Masonry occupies a prominent place. Dr. Vander Veer is affiliated with all higher Masonic bodies in both York and Scottish Rites, and is Past Illustrious Master of De Witt Clinton Council, No. 22, Royal and Select Masters. He is also a member of the several medical associations and of the Fort Orange and University clubs of Albany. During the Spanish-American War, Dr. Vander Veer served as assistant surgeon in the United States Army Medical Corps. He is a Republican in politics and a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Albany.

He married, in this city, on June 5, 1900, Harriet Wooster, daughter of Benjamin W. and Catherine (Wright) Wooster. Dr. and Mrs. Vander Veer are the parents of three children: Albert, 2d, born August 10, 1902; Edgar Albert, Jr., born June 15, 1906; and Grace, born May 11, 1910, married Clarence J. McDonough, Jr.

LITHGOW OSBORNE—In his capacity as conservation commissioner of New York State, Lithgow Osborne has for a number of years stood among the leaders in the State Government at Albany. The Conservation Department includes within its scope four main divisions—parks, lands and forests, water power and control, and fish and game—as well as a bureau of State publicity. Its work is an important one with respect to New York State's economic and recreational life.

Mr. Osborne was born April 2, 1892, in Auburn, New York, son of the late Thomas Mott and Agnes (Devens) Osborne. His father, for years a manufacturer, became a noted penologist and public servant, and was for years warden of Sing Sing Prison. Thomas Mott Osborne was first public service commissioner of New York State under Governor Charles Evans Hughes, and later served as forest, fish and game commissioner under Governor John A. Dix. In addition to his work at Sing Sing, he was commandant at Portsmouth Naval Prison.

Lithgow Osborne attended public schools at Auburn, his birthplace, the Adirondack-Florida School and Harvard University. He attended Harvard in the class of 1915, but left college in the autumn of 1914 to serve as private secretary to Ambassador James W. Gerard. Subsequently he became third secretary of the Embassy in Berlin, continuing until relations were severed between the United States and Germany. As Mr. Osborne himself sheds light on those historic times, in a Harvard publication:

> The day after that very pleasant Yale game in 1914 there came a cable from J. C. Grew '04, then counselor of the Embassy in Berlin. It read in effect: "Come at once."
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> You will recall there was a rather general desire to "see the war." Charlie Russell and Grafton Minot were diplomatic volunteers at Berlin and Nick Roosevelt '14 has just left for a similar job in Paris. I could speak German; so I wrote Grew to ask if I could be of any use.
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> I was to go for six months. Obviously the war couldn't last longer. I would come back the following autumn and finish up. I got back five years later. Somehow the privilege of tacking A. B. onto my name didn't then seem very important.
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> I came home for a month's leave in 1916, and Chris Herter went back with me. After we were thrown out in 1917, I was sent to Havana for seven weeks and then to Copenhagen (getting well shipwrecked off Cape Race *en route*) where my chief job was to absorb twenty German dailies and report on political trends to Washington. In Berlin I had taken some interest in internal politics, and was eventually rated as one of the two Embassy "experts" in this field—which speaks volumes for our diplomatic preparedness. I also reported on some sixty prison camps for H. B. M.'s government.
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> Berlin was intensely interesting and intensely depressing. Copenhagen almost equally interesting, far less depressing. I was a member of the regular diplomatic service by this time and had a long term as charge d'affaires, when my chief went on sick leave. Even the war could not spoil the pleasure of living in the most charming and civilized of European countries—nor of marrying a half-American product of it. . . .
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> In March, 1919, I was assigned to the so-called Peace Conference. I came too late for the more interesting phases of that unfortunate performance, but not too late to be considered "pro-German" because I took Wilson's Fourteen Points seriously and thought the Peace Treaty —however technically "just"—was a guarantee of nothing but future trouble. I was much too obscure to make a resignation in protest (like William Bullitt's) seem anything but silly; but I have always been rather sorry that I decided to be sensible.
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> In October, 1919, I was transferred to the State Department. In 1920, I resigned from the service, though I returned for a few months to serve as assistant secretary-general to the Washington Disarmament Conference, 1921-1922.

Such was the story of his diplomatic career as recounted by Mr. Osborne himself. In 1920 and 1921, he had a year in Boston, where he helped to promote, with Eliot Guild, a manufacturing venture which he terms "thoroughly unsuccessful." In 1922 he returned to Auburn, his New York birthplace, where he owned a part interest in the "Auburn Citizen," controlled by his brother, which later became the "Citizen-Advertiser." As editor of that paper, Mr. Osborne intensely enjoyed the life of the small community, with golf and tennis courses and trout streams and lakes ten minutes away from his office.

Continuing this work, of which he was very fond from the outset, Mr. Osborne became increasingly interested and active in politics as time went on. It was but natural that in the course of time he should become involved in

Democratic affairs, and in 1932 he became the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Auburn district, but was defeated. His newspaper consistently supported Democratic policies and was active in promoting the cause of conservation, in which he had been interested from boyhood as a pioneer member of the Audubon Society and as a thinking citizen. Park development and reforestation absorbed a great deal of his attention in the period that followed, and through the administrations of Governors Alfred E. Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt he did everything in his power for the advancement of these causes. He was early a member of the Cayuga County Sportsman's Association, and some years ago started a reforestation project on his own land. He is an ardent fisherman and hunter and has camped in the Adirondacks and in the West.

This background made Mr. Osborne the logical choice of Governor Herbert H. Lehman when the post of conservation commissioner became vacant, and on March 2, 1933, the Governor so appointed him. He was afterward reappointed on January 2, 1935, and again in 1937 and 1939. After writing of his political work in Auburn, "an area which takes its Republicanism rather more seriously than Vermont," Mr. Osborne went on speaking of his appointment as conservation commissoner somewhat humorously as follows: "The Governor figured, I think, that I was enough of a conservationist so the conservationists couldn't kick and enough of a politician so the politicians couldn't kick." All flippancy aside, however, Mr. Osborne has established a record for making contacts with conservation organizations throughout the State. Not only does he have the State parks under his jurisdiction, but his department, through its lands and forests division, handles forest fire control, forest pest control, four hundred thousand acres of reforestation, and thirty-one campsites for recreational development in 2,400,000 acres of State forest preserve. Through the division of fish and game, each citizen is provided fishing and shooting privileges upon payment of $2.25—which means that the whole State is made into a good fish and game preserve at a cost of about 5.4 cents an acre. The astonishing abundance of wild life, together with efficient planning, makes this low figure possible. The division of parks has an annual budget of about $6,500,000, and employs more than one thousand people. It was Mr. Osborne's work at the head of the Conservation Department that brought him recognition in the form of an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Syracuse University in 1936. And at the general election in 1937 he was elected a delegate-at-large to the 1938 State constitutional convention. Of that convention's work, he wrote:

> Obviously a committee of ten, secluded in an Adirondack camp, could have done a better job in five weeks—provided there was only one lawyer. But a few major and many minor improvements were finally agreed to and the voters wisely rejected the three most controversial proposals.

During his service in Denmark, in 1918, Lithgow Osborne married the Countess Lillie Raben-Levetzau, of Aalholm, Denmark. They became the parents of three children, all sons, and the family home is in Auburn when the press of work does not require Mr. Osborne's residence in Albany.

Describing his position at the time of writing, Mr. Osborne has said:

> After six years I still think the job is tops. It has infinite variety and one feels that, regardless of our economic and social future, the conservation of our natural resources is somehow worth while. In addition, my one superior—the Governor—lets me run the show. That is, theoretically. The permanent civil service personnel really runs it. They are as well trained, as conscientious and as hard-working a group of civil servants as exists anywhere. I cheer them—and go fishing and shooting. Not a vacation, mark you, but "making an inspection trip"—*i. e.*, work.

DR. J. EDWARD GALLICO—For many years Dr. J. Edward Gallico has been a leading dentist of Troy, where his practice has centered since he began his professional career in 1905. Outside his profession he is nationally known as a prominent figure in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to which he has given more than a quarter of a century of loyal service and in which he has been called to the highest offices.

Dr. Gallico was born in Troy on February 2, 1882, son of Edward and Mary E. (Cannon) Gallico. His father, born in New York City, came to Troy at the age of nine and died in 1937, and was associated for over fifty years with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. Both parents were born in Troy.

J. Edward Gallico received his early education in the public schools of Troy and at St. Peter's Academy in this city. For several years he was employed as a stenographer by the Troy Chamber of Commerce and the "Troy Times," now the "Times-Record," but afterward entered the University of Pennsylvania to prepare for his present profession. In 1905 he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery and immediately returned to Troy to establish the practice which he has since continued here. Dr. Gallico quickly won his place in professional circles of the city. He has become one of Troy's outstanding dentists and in addition to his own practice he has served as director during the past twenty years of the Dental Clinic of the City of Troy Public and Parochial Schools.

Dr. Gallico is civic-minded and is known to his fellow-townsmen not only for his professional attainments but

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for his effective rôle in the civic life of the community. He is active in virtually all community enterprises and has given generously of his time and effort in their support. Aside from these connections, his greatest interest is his work in the Elks Order. Dr. Gallico was initiated into Troy Lodge, No. 141, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, on April 27, 1911, and has since made an exceptional record of service in the order. He was appointed Inner Guard of Troy Lodge in 1912 and Esquire in 1913. He was elected Esteemed Lecturing Knight in 1914, Esteemed Loyal Knight in 1915 and Esteemed Leading Knight in 1916 and in 1917 was elected Exalted Ruler of Troy Lodge. In 1918 he was reëlected to the same post. His subsequent service in the order has embraced both State and national offices. Dr. Gallico was elected vice-president of the New York State Elks Association for the Northeastern District in 1927. He became a trustee of the State Association in 1928 and in 1930 was elected its president. Since 1931 he has been a member of the advisory committee of the New York State Elks Association and since 1933 has been a member of the Special Welfare Committee, of which he is now chairman. Dr. Gallico has also served as secretary and treasurer of the Northeast New York Associated Past Exalted Rulers from the time of its formation on October 14, 1920. In the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the national organization, he has been similarly influential. Since 1937 he has been chairman of the important Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge and at the Atlantic City Convention of 1938, was elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight of the Grand Lodge.

Dr. Gallico's loyalty to the ideals of Elkdom and his devoted service in the order have made him known within its ranks from coast to coast. He is a personal friend of former Postmaster General James A. Farley, his predecessor as head of the New York State Elks Association, and knows other national figures intimately. In the Capital Region he has been interested in the Van Schaick Country Club of Cohoes, of which he is a member and past chairman of the Activities Committee. He is fond of golf, but his favorite sport is sculling, a taste which has remained with him since school days, when he was a member of the freshmen crew at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Gallico is a member of St. Peter's Church in Troy. He is unmarried.

ANDREW W. RATH—It was shortly after the World War that Andrew W. Rath began his connection with the sale and servicing of motor cars in the Troy area. He is now head of the Troy Motors Sales Company, handling the Dodge and Plymouth lines in this territory.

Mr. Rath was born at Waterford, Saratoga County, on March 16, 1894, son of Charles W. and Mary C. (Hansen) Rath. His father, a native of Denmark, came to Troy at the age of fourteen and afterward went West, where he worked as a railroad pioneer during the opening up of the western empire, notably in Wisconsin during the days when Indians still abounded. Subsequently he returned to Troy, where he was employed in a stove foundry. Of late years he has owned and operated a farm on Hoosick Road, Troy.

Andrew W. Rath moved from Waterford to Troy while he was still in infancy. He attended the Troy public schools and began his active career in Troy after the completion of his education. When the United States entered the World War, he obtained employment in the Watervliet Arsenal and worked there during the course of the war. Afterward he established a blacksmith shop and garage at Hoosick and Thirteenth streets, Troy, operated this enterprise for a year, and then established the Grand Street Garage, which specialized in repairing and rebuilding wrecked automobiles. Associated with him in this venture was his brother, Charles E. Rath, a veteran of the American Expeditionary Forces, who served twenty-three months overseas in the United States Army Aviation Corps and during the latter part of this period was a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Mr. Rath continued the operation of the Grand Street Garage until 1930, when he took over the Pierce-Arrow Agency for the Troy territory. In the fall of 1931 he secured the Ford Agency and organized the Troy Motor Sales Company, of which he has since been president. In April, 1936, he discontinued his connection with the Ford Motor Company and has since been authorized dealer for the Dodge and Plymouth motor cars at Troy, continuing the business through the Troy Motor Sales Company. Mr. Rath is one of the city's leading automobile dealers; a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Grotto, Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. Fond of outdoor life, he finds his principal recreation in hunting and fishing.

Mr. Rath married, at Albany, Josephine Labelle.

HARRY M. GREENWALD—For a period of more than four decades Harry M. Greenwald has been chemist for the Helderberg Cement Company, and its successor, the North American Cement Corporation, at Howe Cave, Schoharie County, New York. Down the years he has been active in the affairs of his town, Cobleskill, and the county, serving in several public offices and is a prominent figure in fraternal circles.

Mr. Greenwald was born at Cobleskill, New York, October 10, 1878, son of Harris and Helen Josephine (Putnam) Greenwald. His father, a native of the Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, came to East Worcester, New York, some time before the outbreak of the War Between the States. Enlisting in the Union Army, together with his brother, Marcus, early in that internecine conflict, they were assigned to the 152d New York Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the war. Returning to New York, Harris Greenwald started a store at Otego, later removing to Cobleskill, where he became associated with Ryder, LeFevre & Company (later Hodge Brothers). On August 9, 1860, Harris Greenwald married Helen Josephine Putnam, daughter of the Rev. John F. Putnam, of South Valley, Montgomery County, New York, the ceremony being performed by her father. The former Miss Putnam was a native of Hartwick, Otsego County, New York. Both parents died in Cobleskill, the father in 1906, the mother in 1911. The children of this marriage were: 1. Arthur J., born at South Valley, December 4, 1861, died at Cobleskill, May 10, 1881. 2. Marcus, born September 12, 1866, at Otego, New York, died in 1926, at Washington, District of Columbia, where he was identified with the Department of Special Cases, Interstate Commerce Commission. He was twice married and the father of four children. 3. David L., born February 24, 1868, in New York City, died at Cobleskill, April 15, 1875. 4. Harry M., of this record.

Harry M. Greenwald, with whom this biography is primarily concerned, was educated in the grammar and high schools of Cobleskill, and for his professional training went to Harvard University. As already indicated, he has made a career as an industrial chemist, a specialist in cement production. In local and public affairs the services of Mr. Greenwald have been drafted upon several occasions. He was elected supervisor of the town of Cobleskill in the fall of 1917, serving in 1918 and 1919, during the trying World War years. In the autumn of 1918 he was sent to the New York Legislature as the representative of the county, an office in which he was continued through the 1921 session, serving on the committees of Agriculture, Public Education, and several others of minor character. The Speaker of the House named him to a special joint legislature commission on Farms and Markets. Chosen secretary of this body he played an outstanding part in the revision of the agricultural laws of the State. Mr. Greenwald served one term of two years as trustee of the village of Cobleskill, declining renomination. For fifteen years he was a member of the State Republican Committee, and also was a member of the Republican Congressional Committee. During the World War Mr. Greenwald served as supply sergeant and later, while in the State Legislature, as a line sergeant in Company H, 10th Infantry, New York Guard.

The Masonic record of Mr. Greenwald is exceptional: He is a member and Past Master of Cobleskill Lodge, No. 394, Free and Accepted Masons; Past High Priest of John L. Lewis Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Cobleskill; held the office of Grand Representative from State of California to the Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons; is a member of Temple Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, of Albany, New York, and is a member of Cyprus Temple, Albany, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member and Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, serving as District Deputy Grand Chancellor, for two years, one term as Fraternal Correspondent in Grand Lodge, State of New York. He is a Royal Prince of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Kohrassan, Schenectady, having served that organization as Royal Vizier.

The cause of education has always been close to the heart of Mr. Greenwald and his endeavors in this field have been of great value. He was one of the founders of Hartwick College, at Oneonta, New York, and continues to serve it as a member and treasurer of the board of trustees. He has been, or is, a member of the Hartwick College faculty, finance and building committees, of the board. He also served as trustee of Hartwick Academy and Hartwick Seminary. He is a member of the Harvard Association of Eastern New York. He is a communicant of Zion Lutheran Church at Cobleskill, acting on the church council for years, and five times has been delegate-at-large from the United Lutheran Synod of New York to the National Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America. He is popular in the Exchange Club, of Cobleskill, of which he is a past president, and he is district governor of the National Exchange Clubs. Mr. Greenwald is a member of the Schoharie County Historical Society, and twice has been president of the Cobleskill High School Alumni Association.

On February 8, 1930, at Central Bridge, Schoharie County, New York, Harry M. Greenwald married Mrs. Nellie Josephine (Ottman) Schermerhorn, of this place, daughter of Millard and Elizabeth (Lehman) Ottman. Her father was born at Sharon in 1845 and died in 1926, while her mother was born in 1849 and died in 1931 at Central Bridge. Mrs. Greenwald was born April 21, 1879, educated at Central Bridge and attended Cobleskill High School. She married (first) Mark Schermerhorn, who died in 1914. She is a member of the Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church, of Cobleskill, former vice-president of the Century Club and present treasurer of same. By right of notable lineage she is a member of Captain Christian Brown Chapter, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which she has served for two terms as Regent.

HAROLD C. PARKER, D. V. M.—In Hillsdale, Dr. Harold C. Parker has a complete and up-to-date animal hospital to facilitate his veterinary medical practice, and has a State-wide reputation for his handling of animal tuberculosis cases.

Dr. Parker was born in 1889, a native of St. Lawrence County, New York, son of G. Webster and Elizabeth (Croft) Parker. His father was a wealthy St. Lawrence County farmer, and still continues his agricultural interests in that county. The parents of Harold C. Parker celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1937.

St. Lawrence County schools provided the early formal education of Harold C. Parker, who later became a student at Cornell University, taking the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1927. From that year until 1929 he was assistant to Dr. L. L. Parker, of Catskill, New York. Then, until 1931, he served as county veterinary physician of Columbia County. Since 1931 he has carried on the private practice of his profession in Hillsdale, where he has one of the most complete and modern hospitals of its kind. He is a member of the Hudson Valley Veterinary Society, and belongs also to the New York State Veterinary Society and the American Veterinary Society.

Dr. Parker is a member of the Farm Bureau and the Grange, and belongs to the Volunteer Firemen's Association. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Masonic Order is a Past Master of Hillsdale Lodge, No. 612. He is also treasurer and a steward of the Hillsdale Methodist Church.

In 1914 Dr. Harold C. Parker married, at Popes Mills, New York, Lena Love. The Parkers have a child, Jean E. Parker, born in 1925.

JOHN T. GIBBS--As deputy commissioner of the Conservation Department of New York State, John T. Gibbs has had much to do with the successful handling of this department's affairs and with promotion of the cause of conservation in this State. Making his headquarters in Albany, he centers his activities here, and is widely and favorably known in the Capital Region.

Mr. Gibbs was born June 30, 1885, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of John P. and Mary Elizabeth (Carns) Gibbs. His father, who was born October 3, 1855, in Dublin, Ireland, and died October 16, 1918, was for years a lawyer in Philadelphia, and served there as collector of internal revenue under the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. He studied law privately and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1876. The mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Carns) Gibbs, was born May 15, 1858, in Philadelphia, and died December 2, 1907.

Philadelphia public schools provided the early formal education of John T. Gibbs, who was graduated from Central High School in 1902. He then became a student at the University of Pennsylvania, in that city, attending first the college, and later the Law School. He did not graduate. Becoming a reporter on the "Philadelphia Record" and the "Philadelphia Inquirer," he carried on his reportorial work from 1902 to 1916. Then he was made city editor of the "Philadelphia Record," in which capacity he served for ten years. From 1926 to 1928 Mr. Gibbs was managing editor of the paper. He also contributed fiction and articles to a number of magazines. His specialty was political economy. He then became a financial columnist for a group of trade papers in New York City, and in 1930 took a position as reporter on the old "New York World," so continuing until the paper's discontinuance in 1931. From that year he became increasingly active in political and public positions.

In 1931 he was made political agent for the late Jesse Isidor Straus, president of R. H. Macy & Company and later Ambassador to France and chairman of the Temporary Emergency Relief Administration. At the same time Mr. Gibbs served as editor of the "Jeffersonian," a monthly magazine published by the Democratic Union. He organized the Business Men's League for Roosevelt, an organization that extended into every State in the Union as time went on.

In October, 1931, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., appointed Mr. Gibbs secretary of the Conservation Department of New York State, and in that position he served effectively until appointed, in March, 1933, deputy commissioner of the department, so succeeding Herbert E. Gaston, who resigned at that time. Mr. Gibbs was reappointed January 2, 1935, and again in 1937 and 1939. This great department, one of the most important in New York State's Government, plays a significant rôle in preserving the State's rich natural resources and beauty. It administers the conservation law through divisions of parks, water power and control, lands and forests, fish and game and Saratoga Reservation. Contained within it also are the Bureau of State Publicity and the Division of Saratoga Springs Reservation. The department supervises forest preserve lands, as well as lands acquired by the State for reforestation, and at the time of writing is engaged in purchasing and planting trees on more than one million acres, four hundred thousand of which have been acquired for the purpose. It acts as custodian of all State parks and most historic sites, administers fish and game laws, conducts hatcheries and nurseries, encourages game propagation, regulates water supply, and carries on extensive campaigns against pests and vermin dangerous to trees and wild life.

Mr. Gibbs is a member of the National Wild Life Federation, the Salt Water Anglers of America, and numerous fish and game clubs throughout New York State. He has constantly aided the Democratic party, and is active in its affairs. He belongs to the Catholic Church.

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 27, 1910, John T. Gibbs married Virginia Newton Kirk, a native of Berlin, New Jersey, daughter of John W. and Mary (Lyons) Kirk. They have no children.

ARTHUR BOLTON COBDEN—Nearly seventy years ago, as a boy of twelve, Arthur Bolton Cobden began his banking career in the Troy area. He has remained active in the field ever since and now, as manager of the Peoples Branch of the Manufacturers National Bank of Troy, at Lansingburgh, he is one of the senior banking executives of the State in point of service.

Mr. Cobden was born in Brooklyn, New York, on February 22, 1860, son of Arthur Cobden and member of the distinguished English family to which Richard Cobden, eminent British statesman and political economist, belonged. Both of his parents were born in England and came to the United States in early life. His father, a photographer, was one of the pioneers of that profession and was known for his outstanding work in the field. During the Civil War he acted as photographer for Brady with the Union armies.

Arthur Bolton Cobden was only two years old when the home of the family was established at Lansingburgh. He attended the local public schools, but left school at the age of eleven and when he was twelve, began as a messenger in the National State Bank of Troy. He remained with this institution for twenty-seven years, winning advancement through various positions until he was appointed teller. Meanwhile, he served a thorough apprenticeship in virtually all departments of the bank. In 1899 he resigned to become cashier of the Peoples Bank at Lansingburgh, now the Peoples Branch of the Manufacturers National Bank of Troy, a position offered him on the basis of his record and experience. During the intervening years he has played a conspicuous rôle in the operation and management of this institution. When the Peoples Bank was absorbed by the Manufacturers National Bank of Troy and became the Peoples Branch, he remained as cashier and manager. He is still active in this capacity, bringing to his responsibilities the wealth of knowledge gained through years of experience in banking and the qualities of judgment known and admired by banking associates in this area for so long a period.

Mr. Cobden was a director of the old Peoples Bank before its absorption by the Manufacturers National Bank of Troy and is also a former director of the First National Bank of Mechanicville and the Bank of Waterford, both in Saratoga County. He is at present president of the Troy Fifth Avenue Bus Company, Inc., and director of the Rensselaer Valve Company, Inc., of Troy. In addition to these business connections, he has been a member for many years of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Troy Club and is affiliated fraternally with Phoenix Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons in Lansingburgh. An Episcopalian in religious faith, he serves as vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church. Antique furniture has been his principal hobby.

Mr. Cobden married, at Hoosick Falls, Lois S. Stevens, who died on May 31, 1931, a daughter of Samuel S. and Martha Stevens, of Hoosick Falls. They became the parents of one son, Allen S., a graduate of Hoosick School and Union, formerly active in business but now retired. During the World War he enlisted in the United States Navy and served overseas on the mine layer "Mohawk," based at Inverness. Allen S. Cobden has two sons, Richard and Bruce Cobden, both attending Albany Academy.

CHARLES A. GENUNG—Although his career was spent in the western New York town of Waterloo, Charles A. Genung was internationally known as the originator of the modern method of arterial embalming, now in universal use. As a result of his discovery, he became an acknowledged leader in his profession, a lecturer before scientific organizations in all parts of the country and a frequent contributor to professional and scientific journals. Mr. Genung was the father of the Rev. Seth N. Genung, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansingburgh, Troy, New York.

He was born on August 11, 1861, in Waterloo, Seneca County, whose most prominent citizen he became. Until his nineteenth year, he attended the public schools of his birthplace and after the completion of his education, spent two years in the employ of the Waterloo Organ Company. Subsequently, until January, 1883, he was associated with the firm of Ryan & McDonald and after that became a patternmaker with the Holly Manufacturing Company. In July, 1887, failing health forced him to seek a change of employment and as a result he returned to Waterloo and joined his father in the undertaking business under the firm name of S. J. Genung & Son.

Mr. Genung was enterprising in spirit and possessed of a genuinely scientific turn of mind. In preparation for his business career he made a thorough study of embalming and found the processes then in use, in some cases inadequate and in every instance decidedly inferior to the art of embalmers of ancient Egypt, whose secret had never been regained by the modern world. Believing that an improved method could be developed, he devoted himself to the problem. The result of his work was soon known to the world. To quote from an account of his career:

"He became so proficient in the art of arterial embalming that he startled the world in 1899 by announcing a scientific process by which bodies could be embalmed and kept in a perfect state of preservation. He demonstrated the truth of his theory and system and was always especially proud of a human specimen embalmed on March 23, 1899, which is practically mummified and has been exhibited and used in lectures and demonstrations by him in nearly all of the states of this country and in Canada. This system is universally used today and is known as the Genung-Eckels system, he having associated Howard S. Eckels, of Philadelphia, with him and published books on this system and lectured and demonstrated throughout the country until he was internationally known. Many specimens of his work were on display at his (Waterloo) establishment and his place became one of the scientific attractions of the Finger Lakes region. . . .

"He became so widely known that he was called as an expert witness in August, 1906, in the trial of Albert T. Patrick, of New York, convicted murderer of William M. Rice, and proved erroneous the theory that embalming fluid injected in the arteries after death could not reach the lungs and cause a congested condition such as existed in the case of Rice. This case served to make him still more prominent in the undertaking world and also to mark him as the master embalmer of this country, if not of the world. . . ."

Despite his frequent appearances throughout the country, Mr. Genung always remained in business at Waterloo. His undertaking firm, continued by him after his father's death, became one of the best known in the State. The old firm name was retained and in 1915 his youngest son, C. Henry Genung, became associated with him in the business. In many other ways, Mr. Genung demonstrated his progressive outlook. He had and used in his business the first automobile hearse in the State. He acquired and utilized improved equipment as it was put on the market and was one of the founders of the New York State Embalmers Association, whose principal purpose was to raise the standards of the profession. Upon the organization of this association in 1900, he was elected first president and served for four successive years until the pressure of other duties obliged him to decline further reëlection.

As a resident of Waterloo, Mr. Genung was civic-minded and public-spirited. He was ready at all times to contribute to useful community objectives, and his opinions on public questions were received by his fellow-townsmen with profound respect. He was a director of the Finger Lakes Association, served for several years as park and arboreal commissioner of Waterloo and during the years of the Volunteer Fire Department, was an active member of Protection Hose Company, No. 1, and a life member of the department. In 1907 he was president of the C. O. S. Y. S. Association. Mr. Genung was also active fraternally. He was a member and Past Master of Seneca Lodge, No. 113, which he first joined in 1890, and a member of Salem Town Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Geneva Commandery of the Knights Templar; and Damascus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a charter member and first Noble Grand of Delphian Lodge, No. 751, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a Past District Deputy of the Odd Fellows and member of Arazina Rebekah Lodge, of Waterloo. He was Past Chancellor Commander of Mystic Lodge, No. 135, Knights of Pythias. In addition to these connections, Mr. Genung was a member of the Waterloo Business Men's Association and the Waterloo Automobile Club. He was an enthusiastic motorist from the pioneer days of the automobile and was always interested in sports, demonstrating in early life the athletic prowess which made him at one time the champion sprinter of Seneca County.

On September 3, 1884, Mr. Genung married Alice S. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith. They became the parents of three children: Nancy, now Mrs. William H. Sayer, of Warwick, New York; the Rev. Seth N. Genung (*q. v.*), pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansingburgh; and Charles Henry Genung, who succeeded his father in the family business at Waterloo.

Mr. Genung died at Waterloo on July 30, 1926. Despite his international fame, he belonged peculiarly to Waterloo, his chosen home.

"There is not a man in Waterloo who will be missed more than Charles A. Genung," wrote the editor of the "Waterloo Observer" in the columns of that paper, "a man of many friends and one with a heart that responded to all calls for help in every way possible. He took delight in advancing the best interests of his home town, county and State, and found it a pleasure to be of service to his fellowmen; was willing and anxious to share your successes and to extend his sympathy and helping hand in your hour of sorrow and trouble. In every sense a man of the people, his death is a loss that falls upon not only his immediate family and relatives, but upon all of us as well. . . ."

THE REV. SETH N. GENUNG—Since 1926, the Rev. Seth N. Genung has served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Lansingburgh. During the time he has occupied this pulpit he has been one of the most active churchmen of the greater Troy community and a prominent figure in its civic life.

Mr. Genung was born in Waterloo, Seneca County, New York, on August 25, 1892, son of Charles A. and Alice S. (Smith) Genung. His father (*q. v.*) was the originator of the modern science of embalming and for many years Waterloo's first citizen.

Seth N. Genung received his preliminary education in the public schools of Waterloo, where he completed the high school course in 1911, and afterward entered Hobart College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. He prepared for the ministry at Auburn Theological Seminary and upon his graduation there in 1918, was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. His first charge was at Chittenango, in Madison County, where he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church from 1918 to 1923. During the following three years he served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Weedsport, in Cayuga County, and at the end of that time was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Lansingburgh, Troy, where he has continued his ministry without interruption since 1926. A zealous Christian leader, Mr. Genung is active in all denominational interests and in addition to the duties of his pastorate, he was moderator of the Troy Presbytery and president of the Union of Troy. He was also president of the Troy Ministers Association. These distinctions reflect his stature as a churchman.

During the course of his career, Mr. Genung has always taken an enlightened interest in civic affairs and has made his influence an effective force in promoting the cause of civic progress. While at Weedsport, he was a member of the board of trustees of the Weedsport Public Library. He has been active in Kiwanis and after prior service as vice-president, was elected president of the Troy Kiwanis Club for 1940. Mr. Genung is also affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, Free and Accepted Masons, at Lansingburgh, of which he was chaplain for some years.

He married, in November, 1922, Ruth Hamilton, of Cazenovia, New York, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Charles E. Hamilton, former president of Cazenovia Seminary, and Carrie (Cuykendall) Hamilton.

REV. CHARLES ELBERT HAMILTON, D. D.—Midway in his career, the Rev. Dr. Charles Elbert Hamilton turned from the active ministry of the Methodist Church to assume equally important responsibilities as a Christian educator, and in both fields he achieved a notable record. After serving in various Central New York charges from Albany to Rochester, he was called to the presidency of Cazenovia Seminary, where the character of his administration made him one of the best known preparatory school educators in the East.

Dr. Hamilton was born at Delphi, New York, on July 26, 1865, son of the Rev. Burdette W. and Caroline L. Hamilton. After completing his preparatory education at Cazenovia Seminary in 1882, he studied at Syracuse University and received from that institution, successively, the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Divinity. He prepared for the ministry at Drew Theological Seminary, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. First licensed as a local preacher in 1882 and subsequently ordained as an elder of the Methodist Church, he served his initial pastorate at Eaton in 1885-86. Afterward he was minister of the Methodist churches in Leona, Pennsylvania, and Cortland and Geneva, New York. In 1896 he was appointed to the First Methodist Church in Rochester, where his pastorate of nine years was distinguished by his zealous leadership, which had as one result the raising of $200,000 for the new downtown church edifice. From 1905 to 1908, Dr. Hamilton was pastor of Trinity Church in Albany. In the latter year he was transferred to Syracuse, where he occupied the pulpit of University Church, until he was called to the presidency of Cazenovia Seminary in 1915. This call he accepted in a characteristic spirit of Christian dedication, which rendered his eighteen years of service as head of Cazenovia Seminary especially fruitful. Dr. Hamilton had a genuine sympathy for youth and an insight into its problems which ideally qualified him for his task as a Christian leader of youth. In addition, he brought to his duties a mature judgment and administrative talents of a high order. During his tenure as president, therefore, his labors were constructive and rewarding, and his influence profound.

Despite his primary concern in latter years with the affairs of the institution which he headed, Dr. Hamilton continued to play an active rôle in the church. He was president of the board of trustees of the Central New York Conference of the Methodist Church, president of the Church Insurance Association; served as a member of the board of education of the Methodist Church from 1924 to 1928 and as president of the educational association of the church in 1931. In 1924 he was a delegate to the quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Springfield, Massachusetts. Dr. Hamilton was also a former member of the University Senate of the Methodist Church. At Cazenovia, he was a trustee of Cazenovia Methodist Church and active in such local organizations as the Civic Club and the Shakespeare Club. He was interested in the civic progress of the community and lent his support to all movements designed to promote that goal. In addition to his other connections, he was affiliated with the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and with the Masonic Order, in which he was a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory.

On July 14, 1886, Charles Elbert Hamilton married Carrie May Cuykendall, of Owasco. They became the parents of one daughter, Ruth, now the wife of the Rev. Seth N. Genung (*q. v.*), pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansingburgh.

E. Blumm Covert

Dr. Hamilton died at Cazenovia in August, 1933, active until the last in his duties as president of Cazenovia Seminary.

"For eighteen years," the "Cazenovia Republican" wrote of him in an editorial appreciation of his career, "Charles E. Hamilton was a resident of Cazenovia and the president of the Seminary. While his main interests, of course, were in the institution of which he was the head, yet he found time to take an active part in local organizations. No man who has been such an important factor in local life can suddenly be taken away without being greatly missed. We believe that in the long history of Cazenovia Seminary, covering more than a century, no other of its presidents, with the exception of another Cazenovian of honored memory, Professor Clements, has left so great an impress on the school and on its students. Dr. Hamilton was its head during the time of its greatest prosperity and also at a time when, like other private preparatory schools, it was hard pressed by the present economic conditions. But with great courage and resourcefulness he was carrying on at the time of his sudden death.

"Perhaps his outstanding characteristic was loyalty to his friends and it is for that that many will remember him. . . ."

E. BLUNN COVERT—As president of the Covert Manufacturing Company, a hardware specialties firm, and vice-president of the Watervliet National Bank, Earl Blunn Covert long contributed notably to the business life of Watervliet. He concerned himself with a variety of projects looking to the advancement of his community and its people and institutions, and was respected and honored for his many-sided achievements. At the same time his delightful personal qualities earned for him the affection of a host of friends, who will long remember him as one of the beloved residents of Averill Park and leading citizens of the Capital Region.

Mr. Covert was born into a family long connected with the industrial life and civic affairs of Watervliet. His parents were James Covert and Ellen E. (Blunn) Covert. His father, of Lodi, New York, founded the Covert Manufacturing Company in Troy in 1873, removing it to West Troy in 1879 and there manufacturing saddlery hardware and wrought iron chains. Still later the business was established in Watervliet. E. Blunn Covert's mother, Mrs. Ellen E. (Blunn) Covert, came from the Lebanon Valley.

E. Blunn Covert attended old Troy Academy, in Troy, and a private school in Peekskill, then entered Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1907. After completing his course Mr. Covert returned to Watervliet, where he practiced law for one year. Then, at his father's death, he gave up his chosen profession to become president of the Covert Manufacturing Company. Holding the reins of this business in his hands for the rest of his life, he continued the wise policies laid down by his sire, adapting them always to new conditions and ideas and keeping the character of the business thoroughly in harmony with the times.

In addition to his work with the Covert Manufacturing Company, which was a highly important one, Mr. Covert had other business affiliations of magnitude, serving for about thirty years on the board of directors of the Watervliet National Bank and being the board's second oldest member at the time of his death. For some years he was vice-president of the bank, and, beginning in 1938, served for about a year as its president. He was also a director of the Prudential Association and the Averill Park Company. He belonged to the Troy Club, the Troy Country Club, the Delta Phi fraternity and the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and continued his father's active interest in Masonry. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Covert was affiliated with Evening Star Lodge, No. 75; Hudson Valley Chapter, No. 262, Royal Arch Masons, of Watervliet; Bloss Council, Royal and Select Masters; Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar; the Delta bodies of Troy; Albany Sovereign Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Troy. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Watervliet practically all his life.

The Covert family lived in Watervliet until 1922, when they removed to their newly built home at Averill Park, on Crystal Lake. E. Blunn Covert married Mildred B. Dauchy, daughter of Oscar Wallace and Adelaide (Moore) Dauchy. Her father, a business man and farmer, died in 1924, and her mother passed away in 1937. Mrs. Covert, herself, is a member of the Woman's Club here, as well as a leading figure in social circles. She is now secretary and treasurer of the Covert Manufacturing Company. Mr. and Mrs. Covert became the parents of the following children: 1. James Covert Covert II, born October 20, 1909, graduated from Cornell University, where he was a member of Delta Phi fraternity; married Helen Lucille Welles, who is a graduate of Emma Willard School and Russell Sage College. James C. Covert is now president of the Covert Manufacturing Company and is a director of the Watervliet National Bank. James Covert Covert II and Helen Lucille (Welles) Covert had three children: i. James Covert Covert III, born June 27, 1936. ii. Robert Welles Covert, born October 14, 1938, died December 25, 1939. iii. John Welles Covert, born January 25, 1941. 2. Fred D. Covert, born December 28, 1910, graduated from Brown University, member of Delta Phi fraternity. 3.

Patricia Covert, born December 25, 1921, a graduate of the Emma Willard School and now attending Syracuse University, where she is a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

The death of E. Blunn Covert on January 26, 1940, was an occasion of deep sorrow in the wide circle of his acquaintance. His contribution to the life of Watervliet and the Capital Region was an outstanding one, earning for him wide admiration and trust. He will long be affectionately remembered by a host of friends, and his influence will be felt as a continuing power for good.

JOHN McHUGH—As manager and director of the Ancram Paper Mills, John McHugh has performed an important work in the Ancram community.

Mr. McHugh was born August 11, 1893, in New Hope, Pennsylvania, son of Edward J. McHugh, born in 1866, died in 1922, and Kate (Reisner) McHugh, who died in 1939. His father, also active in the paper industry, had his first experience along these lines in New Hope, where he was connected with the Union Paper Mill Manufacturing Company, whose mill was originally operated by Welch and Miller. Afterward he worked with the Diamond Mills Paper Company, at Bloomfield and Millburn, New Jersey, then at the Passaic Mill, in Franklin, New Jersey, which was operated by Joseph and Richard Kingsland, inventors of the Kingsland refining engine. Next Edward J. McHugh was with the National Fibre Board Company, at North Leominster, Massachusetts, where he superintended installation of a Fourdrinier machine and began making tissue papers. Mr. McHugh then went to the Eagle Mill of the Smith Paper Company, at Lee, Massachusetts, but left that company in April, 1907, to become superintendent of the Ancram Mill, which he changed over from toilet and wrapping tissues to the manufacture of carbon and other high-grade light-weight papers. He operated that mill successfully for the rest of his life.

John McHugh, his son, attended schools at New Hope, his Pennsylvania birthplace. In 1909 he was employed by his father in the Ancram Paper Mills, of which the elder Mr. McHugh was then general manager. Until 1922 John McHugh held different positions in the mill. Then he became manager, at his father's death, and continues today as manager and director of the Ancram mills. These mills give the town of Ancram considerable industrial prominence; in fact, this was the first business institution to do so. The works were erected by Robert Livingston, grandson of the first lord of the manor at Ancram Village, in 1748, as an iron furnace. They were in possession of the Livingston family until 1845, after which they were in different hands until, in 1853, they were sold to George W. Platner. He, Elizur Smith, George Linn and Stephen H. Platner (brother of George) organized the Ancram Paper Company, which took over the property and in 1853 rebuilt the iron works into a paper mill. They made newsprint from rags. Mr. Smith and later Mr. Linn withdrew, and George Platner died in 1855, whereupon Stephen Platner and Peter C. Conkling operated the mill for about three years as Platner & Conkling until they became financially embarrassed. In 1860 the mill was sold by foreclosure sale to George H. Peaslee and his cousin, Samuel W. Carpenter, and the plant was operated as Peaslee & Carpenter. Many improvements were made, and the product was changed to straw wrapping. In 1868 George H. Peaslee succeeded to the business. In the years that followed the mills went through many periods of change and development, and many superintendents guided the company's affairs. After George Linn came Peter Conkling, then George Peaslee, William Hoffman, Henry McArthur, William Pusey, Edward J. McHugh, and John McHugh.

John McHugh has not only successfully carried on the affairs of the paper business that he directs, but he is a leader in community life in Ancram. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion and the Roman Catholic Church. During the World War he served in the United States Navy.

In 1937 John McHugh married Angela Giblin. They are the parents of one child, Kevin McHugh, born August 1, 1938.

MILBURN DAVID SMITH—In the fourteen years which have elapsed since he began his professional career, Milburn David Smith of Fort Plain has become an established figure at the Montgomery County bar. He carries on an extended practice and serves as assistant district attorney of the county.

Mr. Smith was born at Fort Plain on December 1, 1902, son of Fred F. and Edna (Nims) Smith and a great-grandson of John Smith, who settled at Fort Plain about 1834. His father, a retired merchant, was born at Fort Plain on August 22, 1873. His mother was born at Phelps on February 28, 1874.

Milburn David Smith was educated in the Fort Plain public schools, where he completed the high school course in 1921, and at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1925. On July 1, 1926, he was admitted to the New York bar and in 1927 launched the general law practice which he has since continued under his own name, with offices at Fort Plain. Mr. Smith practices in all courts, both State and Federal. He is attorney for the town of Minden and the village of Nelliston and since January 1, 1938, has been assistant district attorney of Montgomery County, holding a three-year appointment, and in 1941 was reappointed for

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another term. This is one of several public offices in which he has served. From 1928 to 1932 he was also justice of the peace and from 1927 to 1932 was police justice at Fort Plain. In addition to these connections he is now counsel for the Union School District in the town of Minden. In his attention to the public business which has come to him in various capacities he has demonstrated both zeal and efficiency.

Mr. Smith is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Montgomery County Bar Association. He is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is Past Master of his Blue Lodge, the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is also a member and past president of the Community Club of Fort Plain, the Fort Plain Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club of Canajoharie and the Otsquago Fish and Game Club. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

On August 15, 1928, at Mechanicville, Saratoga County, he married Ellen J. Sheehan, who was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, daughter of James F. and Josephine (Massey) Sheehan. They are the parents of two children: Jane Emperor, born at Fort Plain on June 19, 1929, and Milburn David, Jr., born at Fort Plain on June 21, 1934.

ELLIS H. ROBISON—Since 1934, the wholesale drug house of John L. Thompson Sons & Company, Inc., at Troy has been under the active management of Ellis H. Robison, who came into the company after a varied experience in other fields. He is now vice-president, treasurer and general manager of the organization.

Born in Schenectady on June 16, 1896, Mr. Robison is a son of Edward A. and Florence E. (Butler) Robison, both of whom were also born in that city. His father, who died in 1939, was associated for many years with the General Electric Company in Schenectady.

Ellis H. Robison received his preliminary education in the Schenectady public schools. After completing the high school course in 1914, he entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1918, and in December of the same year left for West Africa under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church. During his stay in Africa, his responsibilities included work for the United States Government as well as the church. In August, 1923, he returned to this country and for the following three years was associated with the American Locomotive Company at Schenectady, serving as employment manager. In 1926 he joined John L. Thompson Sons & Company, Inc., at Troy, and has since been active in its operation. Mr. Robison began as credit and office manager for the company and gradually assumed increasing responsibilities. In 1934 he was elected vice-president, treasurer and general manager of the company, whose large wholesale business in drugs and sundries covers the Capital Region. He has since continued as its active operating head.

Mr. Robison is also a director of John L. Thompson Sons & Company, Inc. He is well known not only in the business life of Troy but as a civic leader who has given his time and effort freely in behalf of community institutions and enterprises. Mr. Robison is a director of the Troy Community Chest. He was president of the Troy Rotary Club for the term 1940-41; is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and president and director of the Troy Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member and Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge and a member of Apollo Royal Arch Chapter. Mr. Robison is also affiliated with the Cornell Chapter of the Theta Chi fraternity. An active Episcopal layman, he is a member of St. John's Church in Troy. He is fond of all sports and is interested in farming, which is his hobby and avocation.

On January 8, 1922, at Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, he married Doris Elizabeth Burgess, of England, a daughter of James and Agnes (Graham) Burgess. They are the parents of four children: Barbara J. and James A., born in Newport, Rhode Island; and Richard G., and Elissa F. Robison, born in Albany.

FRED BECK—Extensively engaged in business as a florist, Fred Beck is one of Hillsdale's best known citizens, carrying on a business that is recognized as being one of the largest of its kind in this vicinity.

Mr. Beck was born in Germany in 1874, and received his formal schooling in his native land. He came to America in 1895, settling immediately in Hillsdale and establishing himself as the village barber. After a few years he bought a 150-acre farm here, and began specializing in the cultivation of flowers. His business has grown until at the time of writing he raises and sells more than nineteen thousand tomato plants a year. He also produces a variety of seed and bulb flowers.

His business is a large and flourishing one, and in addition to his other activities he has served as town clerk of Hillsdale. He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Company and the Free and Accepted Masons, and is active in the Methodist Church. In 1901 he married Elvia Kline, and they had five children: 1. Maude. 2. Florence. 3. Doris. 4. Fred A. 5. Alberta. On October 10, 1935, he married (second) Anna Hortsmann.

E. SCOTT ROSE—Greater New York has no telephone line independent of the great Bell system, but the still greater New York, that is, the State, has 232 independent telephone companies. One of these is the Middleburgh Telephone Company, which is not only well established, but has recently bought and put in better condition a number of so-called "farmers" lines and connected them with its wider service.

Incidentally it is interesting to know that there are over twenty million telephones in use in the United States, while the rest of the world has only nineteen million. The Empire State has 15,365,969 miles of telephone wire and of its 2,745,000 phones in use only 211,600 are independently owned and operated.

The Middleburgh Telephone Company was organized on September 6, 1897, by Dr. C. S. Best, Daniel B. Frisbie, J. E. Young, Alonzo Almy, J. B. Badgley, A. E. Requa, Dow Beekman, Charles W. Vroman, Jacob L. Engle, John H. Cornell, Welling E. Bassler, also the four following who were elected directors: Menzo Baker, John Weckel, George L. Danforth and William H. Neville. At that meeting over forty-three years ago Dr. C. S. Best was chosen president; Daniel B. Frisbie, vice-president; Dow Beekman, secretary; J. E. Young, treasurer, and George L. Danforth, attorney.

Eighteen days after effecting organization the company bought five miles of wire and thirty locust poles, each thirty feet long, and proceeded to initiate its communications. It also rented the second floor of the Watson Block for a period of five years at a yearly rental of $84, and installed there, as its first operator, Mrs. Timothy Becker. The original switchboard was built by C. A. Deyo, and was the first one used in Schoharie County.

From the beginning the company has been vigilant and progressive and alive to the interests of the territory that it serves. In 1902 it extended its line to Huntersland. In 1904 it contracted for long distance connections. In 1912 to meet changed conditions and improve the service it advanced rates. In 1922 it bought the rights and property of the Fulton Valley Company and also the Pierce & Peaslee Rural Company; in 1926 it took over the Middleburgh & Oak Hill Company; in 1932 the Schoharie Valley, which for a time had owned and rehabilitated the Fulton Valley and Pierce & Peaslee Rural Company.

There is much in accordance with the "fitness of things" in the present control of the Middleburgh Telephone Company as will be seen from a brief outline of the history of the Rose family. The progenitor came from Scotland on the same ship as the ancestor of the Moores of Roxbury, New York, and settled at Rose's Brook near South Kortright.

Edmond Rose was a son of this progenitor and was born at Rose's Brook on a farm which is today owned by relatives of the Rose family. Edmond Rose moved to Delhi, New York, bought a farm and lived in it for sixty years. He married three times, his first wife being a Blakely, of Kortright, by whom he had three boys and two girls; of these children, H. K. Rose was the youngest and it was through his initiative and enterprise that the family found its entry into the field of the telephone.

H. K. Rose was born at Delhi, Delaware County, New York. He owned and operated a large dairy farm at South Kortright, five miles from Hobart and he was president of the Almeda Creamery Company, whose headquarters were three miles from his farm. He had need of constant communication there and to facilitate it he rigged up a telephone line over the intervening miles. It worked well. He gradually connected other farmers with his transmission service, then seeing further possibilities he bought up several small independent lines, consolidated them and thus created the Rose Telephone Company. He operated from 1895 and when he had established a business with one thousand two hundred subscribers, he sold, in the 1920s, to the New York Telephone Company. He died about 1923. He married Mary Silliman of Hobart who predeceased him. They had five children, two boys, three girls, all born in the South Kortright homestead: 1. E. Scott Rose, of whom further. 2. Effie, married William E. King; they have three children, Edward, Mary and Howard. 3. Emily, married C. E. Harford, native of Hobart where they live. Their children are Eleanor and Margaret. 4. Augusta, married Horace E. Brown, of Falls Church, Virginia; they live there; their children are Horace and Hugh Brown. 5. Ralph H., married May Gates, of New York City; they live on the old homestead at Kortright; their children: Mary, Ann, Ruth, Evangeline, and Hugh Rose.

E. Scott Rose was born at South Kortright, Delaware County, on January 24, 1875. He was educated at Delhi Academy, worked on his father's dairy farm for a few years, went to California, where he spent three years on a dairy ranch, then returned East about 1910 and for twelve years served his father's telephone interests and learned a great deal about the office and field details of the business. After the death of his father he moved to Middleburgh and from Dr. C. S. Best he bought the Middleburgh Telephone Company. Dr. Best continued as president, E. Scott Rose acting as manager and treasurer until 1935. when Dr. Best died and Mr. Rose assumed the presidency. In his characteristic way he has gone on quietly developing the system, which included in its territory Livingstonville, West Fulton, North Blenheim, Breakabeen, Crystal Lake, Broome Center, Franklinton, Mackey, and Fultonham, as well as the village of Middleburgh, where its office is at No. 227 Main Street, with a branch office at Breakabeen. All switching is done at these two centres. Present officers of the company are: E. Scott Rose, president and treasurer; Mrs. Florence

Rose, vice-president; William E. King, secretary. There are 445 subscribers at standard toll rates.

E. Scott Rose married Florence Pindar, daughter of Schuyler C. and Almira (Simonson) Pindar, of Grand Gorge, where Mrs. Rose was educated and where her parents live. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Rose are: 1. Marion, born in 1920, who married Merrit C. Moseman, of Amawalk, New York; he is now associated with Mr. Rose in business. 2. Marjorie, born 1922, was graduated at Middleburgh Central School, 1939; is preparing to be a dietitian, and is now attending Keuka College.

E. Scott Rose is a believer in Republican doctrines, is, in religion, a Methodist, and church warden since 1927. He is a member of the recently organized Rotary, but not disposed to clubs or fraternities, his home and his telephone extensions constituting his chief interests.

ALBERT N. WOODHEAD—Many years of affiliation with public utility interests have well equipped Albert N. Woodhead for his present work as assistant secretary in charge of advertising and public relations with the New York Power & Light Corporation of Albany.

Mr. Woodhead was born November 17, 1898, in Rockland, Sullivan County, New York, son of Wilfred and Florence (Freeman) Woodhead. His father, born in 1871 in Yorkshire, England, died in 1927, was for years a lumber and coal merchant and village president of Canton, New York. He was a Republican in his political views. The mother was born October 30, 1875, at Crary Mills, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Albert N. Woodhead attended public schools at Canton, New York, and in 1917 was graduated from Canton High School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921 from St. Lawrence University. In that year he became associated with the "Watertown Times," so continuing until February, 1924. He began his work with the utilities in connection with the United Gas & Electric Corporation of New York, with which he was associated from 1924 to 1926. Then he was with the Mohawk Hudson Power Corporation from 1926 to 1932. His connection with the New York Power & Light Corporation, at Albany, started in October, 1927, and he has continued with this organization down to the time of writing as assistant secretary in charge of advertising and public relations.

During the World War Mr. Woodhead served with the Students' Army Training Corps. He belongs to the Albany Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the University Club, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the national debating fraternity of Tau Kappa Alpha, the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa and the Free and Accepted Masons. Golf and bowling are among Mr. Woodhead's favorite games and recreations, and he does a great deal of reading in his spare time and also attends the theatre whenever opportunity permits. He is a member of the Unitarian-Universalist Church.

In Canton, New York, on July 18, 1923, Albert N. Woodhead married Dorothy Church, of Akron, Ohio, daughter of Augustus B. and Anne (Atwood) Church, natives of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Woodhead became the parents of three children: 1. Judith Woodhead, born May 14, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York. 2. Albert Atwood Woodhead, born May 2, 1930, in Albany, New York. 3. Anne Woodhead, born July 12, 1932, in Albany, New York.

ARTHUR H. WELLINGTON—Arthur H. Wellington is one who selected his vocation early in life, stuck to it consistently and, being interested in all its scientific and business aspects, has achieved pronounced success.

He was born in Syracuse, New York, on Christmas Day, 1893, son of Arthur H. and Elizabeth (Boysen) Wellington, both of whom were also native Syracusans. His father has been for forty-seven years a locomotive engineer on the Lackawanna Railroad, the second in years of service on the road. Arthur pursued the complete public school course and was graduated at Syracuse High in 1912, supplementing this training with two years at Columbia University. He went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he learned optometry under Alexander Martin, one of the most skilled optometrists of the time, in his city. This association continued until 1916 when Mr. Wellington moved to Troy, New York, to enter the employ of H. H. Plumb who was engaged in the same calling. After six years with Mr. Plumb, he became associated in business with the late Charles M. Tinley under the style, Tinley, Wellington Company, and this name is still retained although Mr. Wellington is sole owner.

Since he first engaged in optometry, now a profession, there have been marked changes in the practice, still more marked in the lives of somewhat older men. Optometry is defined as the employment of subjective and objective mechanical means, to determine the accommodative and refractive states of the eye and the scope of its functions in general. The implications in the mere definition suggest the niceties and refinements of the work but the time was when eye glasses were kept "in stock" and any one could "fit" himself. Protective legislation prohibits that nowadays and there is keen rivalry among optometrists in supplying attractive scientific and humanitarian service. The Tinley, Wellington service has kept abreast of the trend, and it may be said that any competent and qualified establishment of this kind is a benison to its neighborhood.

Mr. Wellington's business career had one serious interruption, the World War. He did his part therein, entering the United States Navy as first mate and serving in the flying corps in 1917 and 1918.

Optometry is an exacting vocation but Mr. Wellington has made time for civic and fraternal associations also. He is a member of King Solomon's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and has his thirty-second degree. During almost the quarter of a century that he has resided in Troy he has been alive to the city's best interests, appreciation of which has been shown by his election as president of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1925 he was president of the local Kiwanis. Golf is his favorite recreation out-of-doors and he is a member of the Troy Country Club.

In Troy, New York, in 1917, Arthur H. Wellington married Helen F. Noble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noble, of Watervliet, New York. They have one child, Arthur, Jr., born in 1920.

VERNE C. BRADDON—To be a truly efficient worker in the Young Men's Christian Association requires the sympathy bred of close contact with life that is not the easy sort, and this experience prefaced the entrance of Verne C. Braddon into association work. He had been a machinist, a riveter in the yards of the American Shipbuilding Company, a foreman one summer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and a salesman for a big baking company of Cleveland, Ohio.

He was born in Oberlin, Ohio, June 14, 1901, son of James H. and Elizabeth (Smith) Braddon. His mother is deceased. Both parents were natives of Canada. When still young they moved to Ohio where the father, after a time, embarked and stayed in the business of plumbing and steam fitting. The son's education was acquired in the public high schools of Lorain and Elyria, at Oberlin College, and he attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, and also the Association College at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. As indicated, he worked his way through all of the educational institutions and so was qualified not only academically, but by the "school of hard knocks" when in 1920 he became Associate Boys' Work secretary at the Elyria Young Men's Christian Association. And the hard manual labor that he had performed added to his qualifications too, when he was appointed in 1923 associate physical director and Younger Boys' secretary of the association at Roanoke, Virginia. From Roanoke he went to New Britain, Connecticut, in 1925 as Boys' Work secretary and in 1927 he came in the same capacity to Troy with the additional duties of camp director. All of his responsibilities were ably discharged, to the satisfaction of the public and the management and in 1937 he was appointed general secretary in the city of Troy, an office which he still retains. Mr. Braddon i vice-president of the Council of Social Agencies of the City of Troy and is a past president of the Association of Secretaries of New England and New York State.

Mr. Braddon is a past director of the Kiwanis Club of Troy, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the advisory board of the Salvation Army, of Apollo Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Phoenix Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Bloss Council, Royal and Select Masters, Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar, and Iran Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He combines a love of sports in general with a lay leadership in Methodist Grace Church.

In May, 1937, in Troy, Verne C. Braddon married Kathryn A. Speidel, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Speidel.

HAROLD R. PFEIFFER—Active in printing and publishing, Harold R. Pfeiffer issues the "Hillsdale Producer," and, though very young in the business community, he is already considered one of Hillsdale's most progressive and forward-looking enterprisers.

Mr. Pfeiffer was born September 9, 1919, in Hillsdale, New York, son of Carl R. and Matilda (Uszner) Pfeiffer. His father is a mechanic in Hillsdale, as well as a widely known farmer.

Hillsdale schools provided Harold R. Pfeiffer's early formal education through the high school grades, and after graduation he spent several years learning the printing business. In 1937 he purchased the Hillsdale Printing Company, which in the brief period since that time has become one of the most complete establishments of its kind in Columbia County. Mr. Pfeiffer is the only job printer to install a linotype machine in Columbia County, and, as publisher of the "Producer," a weekly newspaper, he exerts a broad and good influence.

In addition to being one of Hillsdale's leading business men, Mr. Pfeiffer was master of Hillsdale Grange in 1940, and the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Company claims him as an active member. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

FREDERICK WILLIAM COONS—Although the F. W. Coons Wire Works represents one of Troy's oldest industries, it owes its present position in its field to the leadership of Frederick William Coons, who purchased the business in 1895 and continued as its active head until his death. He was one of Troy's most prominent citizens.

Mr. Coons was born in West Troy on December 18, 1870, son of Conrad and Lucy (Maltby) Coons and member of an old local family. After completing his preliminary education in the public schools, he studied at Nassau Academy and Troy Business College and at the age of seventeen, became associated with the enterprise to which he later gave his name as owner and executive head. This business was first established in 1820 on a handicraft scale, employing a total working force of two men. For three-quarters of a century its record was one of slow and gradual development as it was handed down from one generation to another. During the latter years of this period, Fred W. Coons came into the business. After serving a thorough apprenticeship in the various departments he soon demonstrated his qualifications for executive responsibilities and took over more important posts in the organization. In 1895 he purchased the business and reorganized it under the name of the F. W. Coons Wire Works. This firm name was retained upon the incorporation of the company on January 2, 1923.

The F. W. Coons Wire Works are manufacturers of wire and wire goods and artistic metal work of every description. Wire fencing, wire netting, window guards, iron fences, lawn settees, folding gates, bank and office railings, baskets, brass wire cloth, door grilles, elevator enclosures, foundry riddles, sidewalk gratings, stoop railings and wire brushes are only a few of the many products in the company's lines. Much of its work is produced under contract, but there is also a wide general sale for its products, which have been distributed in all the principal countries of Europe and Asia and other distant markets, although the area lying within two hundred miles of Troy is its normal and largest outlet. The Troy plant is located at No. 427 River Street, where the company occupies its own two-story and basement building. The present dimensions of the business are directly attributable to the enterprising spirit and vision of Fred W. Coons, who brought to the management of the company for more than thirty years exceptional executive gifts and rare qualities of judgment. Upon the incorporation of the company in 1923, Mr. Coons became its president and treasurer, with Norman F. Coons (*q. v.*), his son, as vice-president; and Charles H. Pratt as secretary. These officers also composed the company's board of directors.

Although the F. W. Coons Wire Works was Mr. Coons' principal business interest, he was also a director of the Troy Coöperative Building and Loan Association. A valued associate whose judgment was always highly regarded, he was called upon to take an active rôle in Troy civic life and never failed to meet this responsibility of good citizenship. Mr. Coons was at various times a director of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Troy Automobile Club and a member of the Rotary Club. He was a charter member of the Masonic Club of Troy and was long known as one of the city's most prominent Masons, being affiliated in this order with Apollo Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the higher bodies of the York Rite, including Apollo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Bloss Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Apollo Commandery of the Knights Templar; and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His devotion to Masonic ideals was notable, and he served the order faithfully. He was always a devout Christian and for many years was a member and elder of Oakwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, where he was also superintendent of the Sunday school for over two decades.

On May 14, 1891, Mr. Coons married Sarah Jane Gray, of Troy, daughter of Wellington and Nancy (Smith) Gray. They became the parents of one son, Norman Frederick (*q. v.*), and a daughter, Lucy Gray Coons, who died in 1919. She was the wife of Dr. William B. D. Van Auken, of Troy.

Mr. Coons died in Troy on December 25, 1930. He was always unpretentious, a man whose tastes and habits were simple, but he had the creative spirit, the vision and courage of the true business and community builder. The company which he developed remains as his monument in the city which long knew and valued his influence as a constructive force.

NORMAN FREDERICK COONS—Succeeding to control of the F. W. Coons Wire Works long directed by his father, Norman Frederick Coons continues its operation as president and treasurer. He represents the second generation of his family to occupy an important place in the business and civic life of Troy.

Mr. Coons was born in Troy on June 20, 1902, son of Frederick William Coons (*q. v.*) and Sarah Jane (Gray) Coons. He was educated in the Troy public schools and after completing the high school course in 1919, entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, which he attended until 1922. For a number of months he was employed in the experimental laboratory of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, working personally under the late Charles P. Steinmetz, one of the great inventive minds in electrical engineering. In July, 1923, he returned to Troy and entered his father's business, which had recently been incorporated under the name of the F. W. Coons Wire Works.

The origins of this business date back to 1820, pioneer days in American industry, but its development on the present scale began when it was taken over by Frederick W. Coons in 1895. Norman F. Coons, as vice-president under his father, received the benefits of his advice and tutelage in meeting the executive responsibilities devolving upon him and in mastering all phases of the business. He succeeded his father as president and treasurer of the company at the latter's death in December, 1930, and has controlled the operations of the company during the past decade.

In his connection with Troy's civic and community institutions, Mr. Coons continues the traditions associated with the family name. He is a member and past president of the Troy Rotary Club; member of the Chamber of

Commerce; a member and Past Master of Apollo Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, and of several higher Masonic bodies, including Apollo Chapter, No. 48, Royal Arch Masons, and Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander. Mr. Coons is also affiliated with the Phi Epsilon Phi fraternity and is a member of the Oakwood Avenue Presbyterian Church in Troy. Fond of outdoor sports, he finds his principal recreation in swimming, tennis and skiing.

On September 2, 1926, in Troy, he married Leona Madeline Thompson, daughter of Marvin and Leona (Thomson) Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Coons have two children: Lucy Margaret, born October 5, 1927; and Richard Norman, born February 7, 1929.

BURDETTE GAGE DEWELL—Participating constructively in the agricultural, business and political life of Catskill and this district of New York State, Burdette Gage Dewell is one of his community's honored and respected citizens.

Mr. Dewell was born September 2, 1873, in Windham, Greene County, New York, son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Kingsley) Dewell, of Schoharie County, both now deceased. His father was engaged in farming.

Burdette G. Dewell attended the Windham Union Free School, and through the whole of his boyhood was reared in the environment of the home farm. As he became old enough to assume responsibilities in connection with its operation, he became ever more actively connected with agricultural pursuits. Until 1920, when he first served in public office, he remained on the farm, then came to Catskill to take up his duties of under-sheriff, which he continued for three years. He had earlier established his own farm at Windham, starting operations with a graded Jersey herd, then gradually concentrating his attention more and more upon Holsteins until his cattle were exclusively of this breed.

For a time he served as chairman of the Democratic county committee. At about the same period he became active in business affairs, associating himself with the W. I. Van Deusen Company, Inc., a Dodge sales and service agency in Catskill. He has been vice-president of this corporation continuously since 1925.

For eight years Mr. Dewell continued his service as chairman of the Democratic county committee, and, as his political interests became ever more extensive, he was chosen in 1933 for appointment as postmaster of Catskill, which office he still holds. Still other public service has come from Mr. Dewell's activities as president of the Catskill Chamber of Commerce. While so serving, he was instrumental in having the bill introduced providing for construction of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. This bill was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was then Governor of New York. Mr. Dewell has in his possession the pen with which this bridge bill was signed.

In addition to all these activities, Mr. Dewell has interested himself in a wide variety of civic and social affairs. He has been clerk of the board of supervisors, a director of the Catskill Savings & Loan Association, president of the Rotary Club, a member of both the Catskill Fire Department and the Rip Van Winkle Club, and a member of the official board of the Methodist Church. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he is a Past Master of Mountain Lodge, No. 529, Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter, No. 250, of Royal Arch Masons, a charter member of his Council of Royal and Select Masters, a member of Rondout Commandery of Knights Templar (at Kingston), and an initiate in Cyprus Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Albany.

Burdette G. Dewell married Mae Armlin, of Middleburg, New York. They are the parents of a son, Burdette G. Dewell, Jr., who was born at Windham, New York, and was graduated from high school there, later taking his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Union University, at Schenectady, now a teacher at Catskill High School. He married Mildred Vickers, of Utica, New York, and they are the parents of three children—Jay Burdette, Burdette G., III, and Elizabeth Louise.

IRVING L. ISDELL—As vice-president of the Albany Insurance Company, Irving L. Isdell has performed a work of value in his native city and wherever he has extended his activities. He takes a deep interest in the life of his times, and is respected, honored and trusted wherever he is known.

Mr. Isdell was born February 14, 1894, in Albany, New York, son of Nelson B. and Bessie G. (Brown) Isdell, both natives of Albany. The father, born April 13, 1871, was associated with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad until his retirement. He lives in Albany and is a Republican in his political views. The mother was born January 30, 1876, in Albany.

Albany schools provided Irving L. Isdell's early formal education, and afterward he had special courses in insurance. He became associated with the Albany Insurance Company, beginning May 10, 1910, and in the years that followed he held many positions with the organization, acting as office boy and rising through the ranks until he became cashier, assistant secretary, and, in January, 1933, vice-president. Mr. Isdell has charge of the home office of the company, in Albany, situated at No. 112 State Street, in what is known as the Standard Building. The company has executive offices in New York City and branches

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in Chicago and San Francisco. In addition to Mr. Isdell, who is vice-president, the other officers are: Ronald R. Martin, president; C. M. Gallagher, vice-president; and Frank J. Barry, secretary. The company was founded in 1811.

In addition to his work as vice-president and a director of the Albany Insurance Company, Mr. Isdell takes a lively interest in the affairs of his city and its people and institutions. He is a member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce and the New York State Association of Local Insurance Agents. He is active in Silverstein Post No. 218 of the American Legion, of which he is a Past Commander, and he is also a member of Nathaniel Blanchard Post No. 1040. During the World War, Irving L. Isdell was in the army, stationed at Camp Upton, New Jersey, where he held the sergeant-major's rank. He holds to an independent course in his political views, is a member of the Normanside Country Club, and in spare time does considerable fishing, photography and gardening. He is a member of Delmar Methodist Church, of Albany.

In Albany, New York, June 4, 1920, Irving L. Isdell married Freda Baird, born in Rutland, Vermont, daughter of Herbert and Alma (Rogers) Baird. Both her parents were born in Vermont, and both are now deceased. The father was a native of Chittenden, that State. Mr. and Mrs. Isdell became the parents of a son, Nelson L. Isdell, born July 4, 1921, attended the Delmar public schools, graduated from high school in 1939, and is now a student at Duke University.

SHELDON B. SMITH—The practice of law pertaining to wills, testaments, settlement of estates, and the pursuit of property law are not, generally, as dramatic as some phases of litigation, the criminal courts, for example, but no branch of law demands more meticulous care or a more dependable practitioner. It is those sides, surrogate and property law, that Sheldon B. Smith specializes in amid his general practice, and in which he has won the confidence, by invaluable work, of a large clientele.

He was born at Troy, New York, March 13, 1889, in direct descent from Rev. Henry Smith, who was in Plymouth Colony in 1636, and went from there to be pastor of a church at Wethersfield, Connecticut. His grandson, Nathaniel Smith, a century later, moved with his family from Suffield, Connecticut, to Vermont. His son, Enoch, was one of the early settlers in Rupert, Bennington County, and his son, Thaddeus, was great-grandfather of Sheldon B. Smith whose parents were Henry W. and Anna (Bainbridge) Smith. Henry W. Smith was born at Rupert, Vermont, was graduated from Dartmouth College as Bachelor of Arts in 1872, studied law in Troy, New York, won admission to the bar in 1878 and carried on a successful practice. Incidentally he had a talent for writing and was an occasional effective contributor to the Troy journals of his day. He was a Mason, Past Master of his lodge, and of the Commandery and the Scottish Rite. His death occurred February 8, 1920.

Sheldon B. Smith's proclivity for law practice was therefore hereditary. His education was obtained at the Military Academy of Troy, class of 1906, at Dartmouth College, where his degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred in 1910 and at Albany Law School which made him a Bachelor of Laws in 1912. At Dartmouth he was initiated into Alpha Delta Phi and at Albany Law into Phi Delta Phi. He is a member, too, of Rensselaer County Bar Association and of the Kiwanis Club of Troy of which he is a past vice-president. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is in politics, Republican, in his religious faith, Presbyterian. Golf and tennis are his favorite recreations; at Dartmouth he was captain of the tennis team.

On November 26, 1917, Sheldon B. Smith married Juliette D. Halla, daughter of Julius F. and Emma (Lucas) Halla, of Troy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at No 29 Pinewood Avenue.

JAMES G. O'CONNOR, D. D. S.—In the rapidly expanding field of dentistry and of oral and plastic surgery, James G. O'Connor, D. D. S., is a comparatively young exponent, with all the recent developments of the profession fresh in mind, and with due respect for the time honored practice whose worth has been established.

He was born in Corning, New York, June 4, 1908, son of George J. and Anna J. (Devine) O'Connor. Both parents are natives of Troy and his father, now retired, was for forty-six years a representative in various localities of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. These localities are indicated by the facts that the son had his early education in the public schools of Amsterdam, New York, in Yonkers, New York, and in Troy, New York, finishing this preliminary education in the class of 1926 at Lansingburgh High School. After this graduation he had the advantage of two years at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, then registered at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where, in 1932, after a four-year course, he received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, but prior to the conferring of this title he had a course in pathology at Harvard Medical School, spent one year in oral and plastic surgery in the Fifth Avenue Hospital under Dr. Henry S. Dunning, and is at present attending in oral surgery at Troy Hospital. Thus equipped academically and with some years now of daily practical work, his knowledge and skill are increasing, with a corresponding growth in demand on his time.

From college days Dr. O'Connor is a member of Beta Kappa, and later affiliations are with the Third District

Dental Society, the American Dental Association and the Kiwanis Club of Troy. A Catholic in religious faith he attends St. Francis' Church. For outdoor recreation his favorite pastime is golf.

At Saratoga, New York, on November 3, 1938, Dr. James G. O'Connor married Ellen Claire Smith, daughter of the late John B. and Blanche (Toole) Smith. Her father was district attorney of Saratoga County. One child has been born of this marriage, James G., Jr., born on December 21, 1939.

ANDREW JAMES WALLACE—Widely known as head of the A. J. Wallace Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Niverville, Andrew James Wallace is a leading manufacturer of gimp, which is a decorative product for fine furniture. He ships gimp to all parts of the world, and is highly regarded in his home community, whose prosperity and well-being he has greatly enhanced by his industrial endeavors.

Mr. Wallace was born August 20, 1862, in New York City, son of Andrew and Jane (Johnson) Wallace, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a stone cutter.

New York City schools provided Andrew James Wallace's early formal education. In 1922 he established his present business house, the A. J. Wallace Manufacturing Company, Inc., at Niverville. As president and general manager of this gimp-making enterprise, he occupies a position of leadership in the business world. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church and resides in Valatie, New York, in what was known as the "Old Farm House," once owned by President Martin Van Buren.

HARRY FREDENDALL—In 1908, Harry Fredendall became associated with Millard F. Hellenbeck, Altamont undertaker, and launched the career which he has since continued in this community. For many years he has had his own undertaking establishment and is today one of the leading funeral directors of the Altamont section, as well as a prominent figure in its civic life.

Mr. Fredendall was born at Altamont on January 14, 1890, and has always made his home in Albany County. He is a son of Hiram Fredendall, born in the town of Guilderland, this county, and Angeline (Grote) Fredendall, born in the town of Scotland, both now deceased. His father was employed by the Delaware & Hudson Railroad.

After a public school education, concluding with attendance at the Altamont High School, Harry Fredendall joined Millard F. Hellenbeck and worked for him at Altamont until 1913. At the end of that time he entered the Barnes School of Sanitary Science and Embalming, from which he was graduated in 1913, after which he resumed his association with the Millard F. Hellenbeck funeral parlors in Altamont. In 1913 he became a licensed undertaker and on March 9, 1914, a licensed embalmer. In 1915 his employer died and during the following five years Mr. Fredendall continued the business for the widow, Mrs. Louise Hellenbeck. In 1920, however, he purchased the establishment, with its equipment and assets, and has since continued as a funeral director on his own account. Mr. Fredendall has always followed modern professional methods and has provided himself with all equipment and furnishings necessary for efficient, friendly and tactful service. In his business he operates four motor cars: the hearse, a service car, a flower car and a funeral car.

Mr. Fredendall is past president of the village of Altamont and has long been influential in the community life. He is a member of the Altamont Chamber of Commerce; a member and Past Master of Noah Lodge, No. 754, Free and Accepted Masons; and a member of the Royal Arch Chapter. He is also a member of several professional organizations, including the Albany Undertakers' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association. Mr. Fredendall is independent in politics and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Altamont. He is fond of outdoor life, and fishing and hunting are his favorite recreations.

On October 26, 1912, at Kingston, New York, he married Beatrix Kuehns, who was born in France, a daughter of Carlton and Camille Kuehns.

GARDINER H. PATTERSON, D. D. S.—Dr. Gardiner H. Patterson has pursued his practice of dentistry in Troy for almost twenty years and in that period of time has established an enviable reputation for skill and care and effectiveness.

He was born in Troy in August, 1896, and his father and mother are also natives of this city. The former, William G. Patterson, now retired, was long a contractor in masonry, having a part in a great deal of construction in this area. His mother was Elizabeth Gardiner. Both patronymics, Gardiner and Patterson are old in America.

Dr. Patterson received his preliminary education in the public schools of Troy, culminating in the high school class of 1915. Determining then to get into the growing field of dentistry he had three years in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, followed by an equal period at the University of Maryland where his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery was conferred on him in 1921. Meantime, however, the World War had intervened and he had enlisted and served in the United States Navy.

He opened his first office in Troy and here he has quietly and steadily developed a desirable following bound to him by appreciation in each case of his concentration on their individual needs.

Dr. Patterson is a member of King Solomon's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the Third District Dental

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Society and of the American Dental Association, also of the Troy Kiwanis and the Troy Country Club. He finds surcease from business on the golf greens, for golf is his favorite pastime.

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1918, Dr. Gardiner H. Patterson married V. Katharine Bailey, daughter of Elizabeth ("Betty") Bailey. They have one child, Elizabeth, born in 1929.

WALTER P. BARTER—Since he began the manufacture of gloves in 1921 as a member of the firm of Barter Brothers at Gloversville, Walter P. Barter has risen to a prominent position in the life of Fulton County. Not only has he played a leading rôle in building up a profitable business, but he has also been influential in the public life of Johnstown, where he makes his home, whose people honored him by electing him mayor in 1938.

Mr. Barter was born in Johnstown on January 9, 1898, son of Frederick C. and Anna V. (Behrendt) Barter. His father, who was born at Melvinport, England, came to this country in early life and was connected with the Fulton County glove industry until his death in 1911, working as a salesman. The mother, Anna V. (Behrendt) Barter, was born in Gloversville, and died on March 15, 1939.

Walter P. Barter was educated in the public schools of Johnstown. After leaving high school, he sold newspapers in the city for several years and in 1921 joined the firm of Barter Brothers, glove manufacturers in Gloversville, in which his associates were his brothers, Trevor F. Barter, who died on December 28, 1931, and Victor E. Barter. Since that time he has been active in the company, manufacturers of all ladies' table-cut gloves. The business has grown steadily and today employs 100 people.

With the progress of his business career, Mr. Barter became increasingly active in the public life of Johnstown, where he has continued to make his home. In 1931 he was elected to the Johnstown board of aldermen, serving through 1937. The experience in municipal government thus acquired and the public confidence which his record commanded led to his election as mayor of Johnstown, in which office he served from 1938 to 1942. His administration was distinguished by business-like methods combined with a progressive outlook which took into full account the needs and problems of the city and its people.

Mayor Barter is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Gloversville, and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Sons of St. George in Gloversville. He has been influential in civic affairs, both as a public official and private citizen, lending his support to all useful community causes. A Lutheran in religious faith, he is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Johnstown.

On September 19, 1927, Walter P. Barter married Elizabeth P. Eckerknecht, of Johnstown, daughter of Emil and Pauline Eckerknecht. By a former marriage he has one son, Frederick W. Barter.

GEORGE P. IDE, 2d—For at least seventy-five years, that is to say, since the Civil War, the name of Ide has been identified with business in Troy, first as collar, cuff and shirt manufacturers and now, in the person of George P. Ide, 2d, with insurance.

Hannah Lord Montague was the Troy woman who invented the first detachable collar, and her husband, Orlando Montague, the first to wear it. The evolution of the shirt and collar from Lady Montague's crude product to a vast industry of which Troy is the center, is an engrossing study. The Ide family entered the industry in 1865 when the late George P. Ide and S. V. R. Ford, under the style of Ide & Ford, began manufacturing in the Gurley Building on Fulton Street. The business grew apace until in 1907 its productive machinery was housed in a six-story brick building with a frontage of more than a hundred feet on River Street and in 1916 an additional factory in the same block was acquired. The final name was George P. Ide & Company, Inc. However, amid the vicissitudes that have attended trade since the World War, the plant is no longer operative.

George P. Ide, 2d, was born in Troy on March 12, 1902, a son of the late Herbert S. and Alice (Clarke) Ide. He was educated in the public schools of Troy, in Albany Academy and at the Taft School, after which, in 1919, he entered the factory of George P. Ide & Company, and later was invested with official responsibility and remained until 1932 when he opened a general insurance agency on Fifteenth Street under the title of George P. Ide, 2d, Inc. His long experience in manufacture and commerce are not lost in his new line; on the contrary they are invaluable, and under his direction as president the business is having steady, consistent, substantial and enduring development. Fond of sports in general he finds refreshment and recreation in golf and is a member of the Troy Club and the Troy Country Club. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and attends St. John's Episcopal Church.

At Troy, New York, June 6, 1925, George P. Ide, 2d, married Katheryn Gordinier, daughter of Dr. H. C. Gordinier, physician, and Mrs. Alice (Beattie) Gordinier. Mr. and Mrs. Ide have three children: Kathryn, Mary Alice, and George P. Ide, 3d.

CLAUDE F. DeFRATE—In the early years of the century, Claude F. DeFrate turned to the automobile industry, with which his career has since been closely connected. He has been a garage operator at Coxsackie since 1913, has held the Ford sales and service agency over a period almost as long, and in recent years has added the Studebaker line.

Mr. DeFrate was born at Grapeville on December 7, 1884, son of Frank and Catura (Lampman) DeFrate. His mother was born in Coxsackie; his father, who was a farmer, in Michigan. Both are now deceased.

After a public school education, Claude F. DeFrate began his active career at Coxsackie and until 1906 worked for various employers in different capacities. At the end of this time he became the first chauffeur in this section and in 1913 established the garage at Coxsackie, which he has since operated. In 1916 he obtained the Ford agency in the local territory and having previously operated a general repair shop, now established a Ford service station in conjunction with his garage. Mr. DeFrate has continued to handle Ford sales and repairs in this area and a complete line of accessories. His recent appointment as Studebaker dealer at Coxsackie has given him an additional line. For several years he has also been engaged in the milk hauling business and now operates four trucks for the Golden Guernsey Dairy Company.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. DeFrate serves as a member of the Board of Water Commissioners at Coxsackie and has been otherwise active in the general life of the community. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, is a member of the Coxsackie Board of Trade and of local Hose Company, No. 3, of the Volunteer Firemen. Mrs. DeFrate has just organized a drum corps as an auxiliary of the hose company.

On July 9, 1905, Mr. DeFrate married Anne Whitty, of Columbia County, daughter of William Whitty, a carpenter born in Washington County, died about 1930, and Laura (Schlifelt) Whitty, born in Columbia County and a school teacher at Philmont for some years, also now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. DeFrate have one son, Francis William, born November 30, 1917, a graduate of local public schools and Albany Business College, now associated in business with his father.

HOWARD E. ARCHER—As treasurer of the Home Savings Bank, of Albany, Howard E. Archer has performed a work of importance and value to his home city.

Mr. Archer was born May 16, 1897, in Yonkers, New York, son of Everitt Clarence and Mirtie (Ivy) Archer. His father, born in Yonkers on April 20, 1869, died in 1902, was long a member of the police force of Yonkers. The Archers were among the early settlers of Yonkers, having been established there by Elijah Archer, Howard E. Archer's great-grandfather. The mother, Mrs. Mirtie (Ivy) Archer, was born in Grandview, Ohio, December 6, 1870, and died March 30, 1933.

Public schools in Yonkers provided Howard E. Archer's early formal education, and after graduation from Yonkers High School and Mackenzie School, at Dobbs Ferry, New York, he studied with the American Institute of Banking. Graduated there in 1928, he later studied with the Graduate School of Banking of Rutgers University, where he was graduated with the class of 1940. On February 11, 1914, Mr. Archer, then not quite seventeen years old, became associated with the Columbia Trust Company, of New York City, as a messenger, and in the period that followed he served in different positions. Finally he became head bookkeeper in 1922. From 1922 to 1925 he was with the Yonkers Trust Company as head teller. From 1925 until July 1, 1928, he was associated as a teller with the Home Savings Bank, of Albany. Then he was appointed assistant treasurer, and he so served until September 1, 1935, when he acceded to his present position as treasurer of the bank.

Today he is not only treasurer of the Home Savings Bank of Albany, but a leader in the life of his city. Like his father before him, he holds to an independent political course. He is a member of the Normanside Country Club, the American Institute of Banking, different branches of the Free and Accepted Masons, including Masters' Lodge No. 5 and St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church. He has particularly concerned himself with church affairs. During the World War he served in his country's armed forces, enlisting in the United States Navy, May 2, 1917, and continuing in active service until he was honorably discharged in December, 1918. He was stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and there served as first class petty officer. In spare time Mr. Archer is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly golf and fishing.

In Albany, New York, September 14, 1928, Howard E. Archer married Helen Mears Patton, of this city, daughter of Howard F. and Bertha (McMurray) Patton, both of this city. The following are the children of this marriage: 1. Nedra Jane Archer, born June 23, 1930, in Albany. 2. Howard Patton Archer, born February 4, 1932, in Albany.

WILLIAM C. DeVOE—It is strange but true that William C. DeVoe can be called a "pioneer" in the electrical supply and contracting business in Troy, and yet be in the prime of life. Fifty years ago when, as a boy, he entered the business, electric lights in homes were comparatively rare and the use of electric power in household devices unknown. Starting without the advantages

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of extensive education or any wealth, Mr. DeVoe learned as he worked, became personally expert in the installation of wiring, fixtures and other phases of contracting. He even instructed householders how to run electric washers, cleaners, refrigerators, as these and other devices were perfected and introduced. In so doing he contributed importantly to the comfort, safety and standards of living, as much as any pioneer of the past who persuaded people to discard dependence upon a wood fire for light in favor of a kerosene lamp.

Mr. DeVoe was born at Scotia, New York, March 17, 1875, son of William and Jennie (Hart) DeVoe, natives of the Finger Lakes district of New York. His father was a wagon maker by trade. William C. DeVoe worked as a newspaper boy and learned early in life to take care of himself. He felt he had progressed far when he earned a few dollars a week in the Sanford Carpet Works and later in the Morris Knitting Mills at Amsterdam, New York. In 1890, at the age of fifteen years, he came to Troy and became office and general handy boy for E. G. Bernard, who had started an electrical supply business.

Under difficulties Mr. DeVoe became a specialist in electrical equipment, especially as a contractor, eventually becoming vice-president of the original company, in charge of the contracting department. After more than two decades he severed his connection with this concern to form a partnership with William M. Stewart, under the trade title of DeVoe & Stewart. This was in 1912, and four years later he purchased the Stewart interest in the business, which since has been operated as the DeVoe Electrical Company, dealers in electrical supplies, fixtures, engineering and contracting, a range of activities that covers a wide field. The company, and Mr. DeVoe personally, have won recognition and reputation for good work well done at fair prices.

Mr. DeVoe has never neglected his duties as a progressive citizen. He is a member of the Troy Rotary Club, and is a director of the Troy Automobile Club. Fraternally he is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge, Troy, Free and Accepted Masons; Hudson River Chapter, Watervliet, Royal Arch Masons; Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar; Bloss Council, Royal and Select Masters; a member of all the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the First Presbyterian Church at Watervliet

At Elizabeth, New Jersey, William C. DeVoe married Jessie Jack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Findley Jack. Mrs. DeVoe died in 1933, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Seven children were born of this union: 1. William C., Jr. 2. Kenneth W. 3. Jessie L. 4. Norman H. 5. Harold V. 6. Frederick D. 7. Bertram J.

ERASTUS CORNING DAVIS—Long active in the life of Fonda, Erastus Corning Davis has made a substantial contribution to the economic and civic welfare of this community. He now operates a sporting goods and men's apparel store here, and is widely and favorably known among a host of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Davis was born July 24, 1862, in Fonda, New York, son of Isaac Matthew and Rachael Maria (Fonda) Davis, both natives of this city. His father, born in October, 1824, in Fonda, was a merchant here for many years, and was active in Republican party and church affairs. The paternal grandfather, Matthew Oliver Davis, born in Fonda in 1797, and died in 1884 in this place, was also a leader in Republican politics, and at one time served in the New York State Assembly, the first member from this county of Montgomery in 1857. The mother, Rachael Maria Fonda Davis, was born in 1822 in Fonda.

Public schools at Fonda furnished Erastus Corning Davis' early education, and later he attended Fort Plain Seminary, Amsterdam Academy and the Clinton Liberal Institute (at Fort Plain). Early in youth he became associated in business with his father, who was a general merchant, druggist and hardware dealer in Fonda. From 1882 he continued his association with the elder Mr. Davis until the elder man's death, after which Erastus C. Davis carried on the business independently for some years. For about nine years he was active in politics at Albany. Then, for fourteen years and two months, he served as postmaster of Fonda, giving his entire time to the task of maintaining and improving the efficiency of the postal system here. In 1935 he resumed his business activity, this time starting the sporting goods and men's apparel store, known as the "Wagon Wheel," that has made such notable headway since that time.

Quite aside from his other activities, Mr. Davis has figured prominently in the communal life of Fonda, both through the work that he has performed in public office and through his organizational affiliations. A Republican in politics, he became an early trustee of the village. In 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918 he was a member of the New York State Assembly, and in 1920, 1921 and 1922 was cashier of the New York State Excise Department, and is a director of the National Mohawk River Bank. During the World War period Mr. Davis also served in the Home Guard in Fonda. He is active in the Veterans' Association of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Albany, and in other branches of Masonry, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted York and Scottish Rite, and being affiliated with Albany Consistory and Gloversville Commandery and also being an initiate in Cyprus Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a Past Noble Grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, and is the oldest active and veteran fireman, having served since 1882. He is a trustee of Montgomery County Historical Society, and charter member of the Mohawk Valley Towns Association. Hunting and fishing have been consistently among Mr. Davis' favorite recreations. He has at all times been interested in church work in his community, and has been for thirty years a trustee of the Reformed Dutch Church.

In Mohawk, New York, Erastus C. Davis married Helen Margaret Quackenbush, a native of Mohawk, daughter of John Van Vechten and Louise N. Quackenbush. Her father, a native of Fonda, was a contractor and builder. Mrs. Davis herself was born in Mohawk in 1862. The following are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Davis: 1. Ralph Edward Davis, born in Mohawk, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, of Troy, now a civil engineer with the subway in New York City. 2. Lydia Maria Davis, born in Fonda. 3. Erastus Corning Davis, Jr., born in Fonda. 4. Clara Louise Davis, born in Fonda. Mr. Davis has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

DONALD S. COWLEY—Since his graduation from college, twenty-five years ago, Donald S. Cowley, of Troy, has been identified with some phase of the automotive industry. The larger part of his experience has been with distribution, using that word in the sense of getting the products of manufacturers into the hands of the user. Selling is the important factor in distribution, of course, and it is along this line that Mr. Cowley has been interested and successful. After years of activities in several cities and states, he initiated his own establishment in Troy for the distribution of Ford pleasure and commercial cars and trucks, the Mercury and Lincoln automobiles.

Mr. Cowley was born in Buffalo, New York, May 25, 1894, son of Frank J. and Catherine (Callanan) Cowley, both natives of Corning, New York. Mrs. Cowley is still a resident of Buffalo. Prior to his retirement and later death, Frank J. Cowley was a general yardmaster with the New York Central Railroad, at Buffalo. After attending the grammar and high schools of his birth city, Donald S. Cowley entered Canisius College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915. For a short time he was employed as a salesman by the McNall Tire Company, at Toledo, Ohio, but soon went in a similar capacity with the Buffalo Automobile Company, distributors of the Regal, Metz, Pathfinder, and other cars that have disappeared from the public view. Then he joined the Willys-Knight Overland organization, a connection that was broken by the enlistment of Mr. Cowley in the United States Signal Corps for World War service. From Buffalo he was detailed to Indianapolis, in 1918 being transferred to the United States Army Tank Department and went overseas with the 304th Battalion, American Expeditionary Forces. With the rank of corporal he received his honorable discharge from the service in July, 1919.

Back in the United States once more, Mr. Cowley started to work as a fireman, at Buffalo, on the Pennsylvania Railroad System, but soon returned to his former automobile salesman connection. In 1927 he was with the Cadillac Company as traveling representative, out of the home office in Detroit, Michigan. In 1930 he became associated with the Ford Motor Company, first at Detroit, then in 1932, at Buffalo as zone manager. In 1935 he transferred to the Green Island (Albany), New York branch of the Ford Company, where during the following five years he served in several executive capacities—zone manager, sales promotion manager, retail sales manager, and head of the Mercury division. In May, 1940, Mr. Cowley purchased the Bart Motor Company, of Troy, and has since been the president and directing force of Don Cowley, Inc., distributors of Ford pleasure and commercial cars, Ford trucks, the Mercury and Lincoln automobiles. Few men enter this field with more extensive knowledge and experience of the automotive industry. Mr. Cowley is a member of the Buffalo Council of the Knights of Columbus, and of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

On June 9, 1928, Donald S. Cowley married Olive Duman, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Curtin) Duman, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Michael, born June, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan 2. Joan, born in March, 1933, at Buffalo, New York.

JUDGE CHARLES JOSEPH DUNCAN—During the past eight years, Charles Joseph Duncan has served as judge of the City Court of Albany. He is a well-known member of the Albany bar and has to his credit many years of professional experience.

Judge Duncan was born in Syracuse, New York, on January 25, 1894, son of Jason T. Duncan and Elizabeth A. (McDonnell) Duncan. His father, who was born at Adams, Jefferson County, in 1854, and died on October 1, 1931, was a locomotive engineer on the New York Central lines. The mother, Elizabeth A. (McDonnell) Duncan, was born at Poughkeepsie in 1866, died on July 5, 1930.

Charles Joseph Duncan received his preliminary education in the public schools of Albany and at Christian Brothers Academy in this city, from which he was graduated in 1913. Subsequently he studied law at Catholic University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1916, and in December, 1917, was admitted to the New York State bar. His professional career was interrupted by World War service. After the United States was drawn into the conflict, he enlisted in the army and was assigned to duty in Company D, 309th Machine Gun Battalion, 78th Division, with which he served overseas for one year. During this period he saw service on the Arras front, at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Judge Duncan received his discharge on June 4, 1919, with the grade of top sergeant. Upon his return to civil life, he took up the practice of law in Albany and in fifteen years devoted to the responsibilities of his profession he firmly established his reputation at the bar. In November, 1933, he was appointed judge of the Albany City Court by the Hon. John Boyd Thatcher, then mayor, and in November, 1935, was elected to this office for a full term of six years. By the character of his service on the bench, Judge Duncan has added to his stature.

Judge Duncan is a member of the several bar associations and has been active in veterans' circles as a member of Fort Orange Post, No. 30, American Legion; and Admiral Coughlin Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also affiliated with Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler. Judge Duncan is a Catholic in religious faith and has long been a member of Blessed Sacrament parish in this city. He is fond of outdoor life and turns most frequently to hunting and fishing for recreation.

On August 20, 1923, Charles Joseph Duncan married May Wisely, of Albany, daughter of Joseph Wisely.

HARVEY OBED SCHERMERHORN—As Commissioner of Highways, Harvey Obed Schermerhorn has figured prominently in New York State's official family in Albany.

Mr. Schermerhorn was born December 14, 1879 in Brunswick, Rensselaer County, New York, son of Jacob and Mary (McChesney) Schermerhorn. His father born also in Brunswick in October, 1837, was for years a farmer in Brunswick until he died in January, 1918. Both father and son are direct descendants of Jacob Janse Schermerhorn, a Dutch immigrant who was one of the pioneer settlers in the Capital District. The mother of Harvey Obed Schermerhorn was born in 1841 in Troy and died in April, 1926.

The public schools in Troy provided the early education of Mr. Schermerhorn. He was graduated from high school there in 1899 and in 1903 successfully completed his course in civil engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

The service of Mr. Schermerhorn in State work began in 1904 in connection with engineering work in the construction of the State Barge Canal, under the supervision of the State Engineer and Surveyor. He spent time in the designing of the canal system as well as devoting several years in the construction of the easterly end of the canal including the Waterford flight of locks. After spending two years in the design, supervision and construction of Barge Canal Terminal facilities, he entered highway work as district engineer in the Albany area in 1913. After three years in a similar capacity in the Buffalo and Hornell districts, he was returned to Albany as assistant chief engineer in the newly established Department of Public Works, taking charge of two new activities set up in that department, which consisted of the building of bridges on the State Highway system and the elimination of highway-railroad grade crossings. During this period he planned and constructed under special acts of the Legislature the Parker Dunn Memorial Bridge at Albany and the Troy-Menands Bridge, both across the Hudson River. He also acted as engineer for the New York State Bridge Authority, charged with the planning and building of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge across the Hudson at Catskill. At the same time he was also engineer for the Niagara Frontier Bridge Commission, charged with the duty of designing and building two structures across the Niagara River connecting Grand Island on the south with Buffalo, and on the north with the city of Niagara Falls.

In the spring of 1935 he relinquished these duties and became Commissioner of Canals and Waterways, charged with the operation and maintenance of the Barge Canal System, upon which he began his engineering work in 1904. In the beginning of the year 1939 Mr. Schermerhorn was appointed Commissioner of Highways, having supervision of the building of all State highways and bridges on the State Highway System, as well as the maintenance and repair of the entire system already constructed.

Quite aside from his official work, we find Mr. Schermerhorn is a member of the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Country Club, the Aurania Club, and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with lodges and other bodies in the city of Troy, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Rensselaer Society of Engineers of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Albany Society of Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Society of Professional Engineers. He is an attendant of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in Albany.

While in years gone by Mr. Schermerhorn enjoyed hunting and fishing to a reasonable extent, years have reduced his recreational activities to the time-honored, intriguing game of golf.

In Troy, New York, on March 25, 1920, Mr. Schermerhorn married Caroline Schuldt, of Troy, a daughter of Henry Schuldt, of that city.

PARKER H. ROUSSEAU—As president of the long established insurance firm, Breese & Rousseau, Parker H. Rousseau is one of the popular figures in the business world of Troy, New York. Like his father before him, he is active in civic and social circles, and an exceptional examplar of constructive citizenship.

Mr. Rousseau was born in Troy, April 8, 1908, son of W. W. and Frances (Hardy) Rousseau. His mother is living, but the elder Mr. Rousseau died on September 24, 1935. W. W. Rousseau was prominent in two fields, scientific education and insurance. Over a long period he was assistant professor of engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and also was the founder of the firm of Breese & Rousseau, to which reference has been made. He was well known in the activities of the local Rotary Club, serving on a number of its committees.

Parker H. Rousseau attended the local schools of his birth city; was graduated from the Albany Academy in 1927, and matriculated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1931, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. During the following year he became identified with F. C. Huyck & Sons, of Albany, as an industrial engineer and budget comptroller. This connection was continued until 1934, since when he has been president and treasurer of Breese, Rousseau & Company, one of the important general insurance firms of Troy. He also is manager of the Warren Estate of Troy. Mr. Rousseau is a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, of which he is a director, the Troy City Club, and the Troy Country Club. He is a director of the Troy Boys Club, Marshall Infirmary, Troy Cemetery Association and the Troy & Greenbush Railroad. Golf is his game but he is interested in all sorts of sports. His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

CHARLES H. HOAG—Among the business men of Troy, Charles H. Hoag, owner and efficient head of "Andersons," is rated highly. He is widely known, for he has been a citizen of the city for the past twenty-one years, during which his activities have been varied and at all times contributing to its prosperity and improvement. His interest in civic affairs has been constructive; his personal qualities have made him popular.

Mr. Hoag is a native of New York City, as were his parents. He was born March 8, 1896, son of Charles and Jennie B. Hoag, his father being a merchant, now retired. Charles H. Hoag was educated in the grammar and high schools of New York City and was variously employed during the period between leaving school and his enlistment, in 1916, in the United States Army. His first military duty was along the Mexican border during the difficulties between Mexican banditry and American authorities. Starting as a private in Company E of the 102d Regiment Engineers, he was top sergeant in this outfit in the World War. When mustered out of the service in 1919, he had completed thirty-three months in the army.

That same year, 1919, marked the beginning of Mr. Hoag's identification with Troy. For about five years he was office manager of the Stoll Brewery. Then for three years he sold White motor trucks, and then for an equal period was associated as general manager with the King Food Products Company. In 1929 he became associated with George J. Anderson Wallpaper & Paint Company. Later he purchased all other interests and has since been the sole owner of this business. It no longer operates under its former long name, but is well and favorably known as "Anderson's." Mr. Hoag is a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce.

In New York City, in 1918, Charles H. Hoag married Rita E. Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. Hoag are the parents of a son, Jack Hoag, born in Troy, in 1919; attended the public and high schools of Troy, and is a member of Clarkson Memorial School of Technology, class of 1943.

PETER F. PURCELL, M. D.—Engaged in the general practice of medicine in Schenectady, Dr. Peter F. Purcell is highly regarded in professional circles and among his many patients and friends.

Dr. Purcell was born January 17, 1888, in Salem, New York, son of James Henry and Mary (Collins) Purcell. His father, born in Hartford, New York, in 1858, died September 21, 1930, was a farmer. The mother was born in 1863, in Salem, New York, and died October 3, 1935.

Dr. Peter F. Purcell attended public schools in Salem, his birthplace, and was graduated from high school there in 1905. He then became a student at the Albany Medical College, in Albany, where he took the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1911. He then had a year's interneship at Albany Memorial Hospital, after which he started his practice of medicine in Schenectady in 1913. He is a general practitioner, a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Politically he is a Republican. He is a member of the Mohawk Club and the Knights of Columbus. During the World War he held a lieutenant's commission in the Army Medical Corps, and was stationed at Base Hospital No. 91. He was in the service from May, 1917, to August, 1919. Fond of outdoor life and healthful recreations, Dr. Purcell particularly enjoys hunting and fishing.

On October 22, 1919, Dr. Peter F. Purcell married Mary Lee, of Schenectady, daughter of Francis and Mary (Walsh) Lee. They became the parents of one son, James Francis Purcell, who was born March 8, 1922, now a student at the Christian Brothers' Academy in Albany.

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IRVING VAN VORIS—1859-1939—Irving Van Voris, whose residence during the major portion of his lifetime was at Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, was a descendant from the Oyster Bay branch of the old Van Voorhees family whose origin in this country dates back to the early Dutch settlers. Down through the years the family name has taken upon itself various different spellings—Van Voorhees, Van Vorhis, Vorhis, Voorhees, Voris. It is an ancestral line with many descendants in New York State today.

The progenitors of the family dwelt in the southern part of the province of Drenthe, Netherlands—in the small town of Hees. The records of the feudal ages indicate that as the Saxon tribes settled down from their wanderings, they took up the land and, as time progressed, this land came into the hands of relatively few owners. These landowners were later known as nobility.

And so it came about that these forebears of the Van Voorhees family acquired various tracts of land and they set up an estate, or manor, close by to the village of Hees. By the fifteenth century, the name "Voor-hees" came to be applied to the family who lived in the "Voor" (Fore) manor. A further designation, the early preposition "thoe" meaning "of" was added to the name and this was subsequently changed to the later form "Van."

The court records, or Ordel Boeck, as far back as 1542, carry the name—Coert thoe Hees and such given names as Coert, Jan, Steven and Cornelius were common to the family from that time forward.

Family records indicate that one Steven Coerten was the ancestor of all who bear the Van Voorhees name. Steven dwelt with his family in this manor of Voorhees and although he was regarded as an eminent landholder, still, like many others of his day and generation, he yearned for greater opportunity for expansion.

On April 15, 1660, Steven Coerten set sail with his family from Amsterdam, Holland, on the Dutch West India Company's "De Bonte Kou," destination New Netherlands, America. It is to be imagined that landowner Steven and his good wife were kept busily engaged on the six weeks voyage, looking after their little brood of two grown and six young children.

For thirty years or more, Dutch families had been crossing the sea and settling in New Netherlands; when the newcomers arrived, it was decided that they should establish themselves in New Amersfoort, soon to be known as Flatlands, after the English occupation in 1664. This settlement was located between the East River and Jamaica Bay, dating back to 1636. Other nearby settlements were Breukelen (1637), Gravesend (1645), Bought or Bushwick (1648), Midwout (1652) and New Utrecht (1657).

A few years prior to the arrival of Steven Coerten, the Dutch Reformed Church had been organized at New Amersfoort and three years after the family had become members of this community, a church building was erected. The family contributed to this enterprise both with money and with materials. Freedom of worship was insured to the Dutch burghers by the English, when New Netherlands became an English province and so firmly rooted did their church become that it has remained very active through all these intervening years.

Steven Coerten seems to have grown and prospered with his community, for in 1664 it is recorded that he became a magistrate. A bit later, on October 4, 1667, records show that the English Governor Nicolls granted a patent to eight inhabitants of Amersfoort (Flatlands) and two of these patentees were Steven and his son, Coert Stevensen (Coert being the eldest son of Steven).

Both father and son acquired various tracts of land in and near Flatlands. The same was true for the grandsons and when Steven Coerten died on February 16, 1684, at the age of eighty-four, the family was recognized as among the largest landholders of the countryside. In fact, several tracts of land dating back to the early ancestors were held by members of the Van Voorhees family until about 1850, when from time to time the subsequent heirs sold them to real estate development companies.

Conforming with English customs, the third generation following the death of the founder, by degrees, took unto itself the name "Van Voorhees" and, with various spellings, this became the accepted family name of all who descended from Steven Coerten.

An interesting fact is recorded concerning Jannetje Van Voorhees of the fourth generation and of the branch to which Irving Van Voris belonged. Jannetje married Colonel John Brinkerhoff and they dwelt in a stone house erected in 1738, about three miles from Fishkill. The colonel was a decidedly patriotic gentleman and historian Lossing relates that he frequently entertained General Washington during the months that the headquarters of the Colonial Army were at Newburg. Nor does Lossing omit reference to the delightful and altogether charming hospitality that was contributed by the good housewife Jannetje.

Coert Stevensen (Van Voorhees), great-grandfather of the aforementioned Jannetje Brinkerhoff, eldest son of Steven Coerten (Van Voorhees), founder of the family in America and the ancestor of Irving Van Voris, became a member of the Assembly of New Amsterdam in 1664. Ten years later he was chosen as a delegate, one of the two representatives from Flatlands, to the convention at New Orange (Albany) on March 26, 1674, for a conference with Governor Colve. From this early period, members of the family have been active in political, religious, educational, military and civic enterprises in both State and Nation.

The genealogical line of Irving Van Voris is as follows: Steven Coerten (Van Voorhees), Coert Stevensen (Van Voorhees), Cornelius Coerten (Van Voorhees), Daniel Van Voorhees, Joseph Van Voris, John Van Voris—Irving Van Voris, all of whom from the original settler forward, lived on Long Island or in New York State. In fact, the earliest Kings County records reproduced in the Documentary History of New York State list the landholders Steven and his son Coert.

John Van Voris, father of Irving Van Voris, was born in Berne, Albany County, on September 28, 1827. The family moved to Schoharie County when he was two years of age. After growing to manhood, his entire life was largely devoted to study and research—first as a teacher and then as a commissioner of schools. He was a model of goodness and virtue and when he died, his valuable library and his extensive collection of geological specimens were left to the local school museum. He died on April 6, 1895.

Irving Van Voris, the youngest of his three children, was born in Schoharie County on April 2, 1859. For fifty-four of his eighty years of allotted time, he was connected with the retail hardware business in Cobleskill, Schoharie County. In 1902, he was one of the founders and charter members of the New York State Retail Hardware Association and a few years later, he was elected president of this organization. He was unusually active in civic and church affairs, having occupied at different times in his career and in some instances for a period of years, the following offices of Cobleskill: Mayor, president of the board of education, president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, director of the local Cemetery Association, not to mention enthusiastic service in numerous other local undertakings spread over a lifetime of residence and business activity in Cobleskill.

His ability and early indefatigable industry made him a prominent factor in the enterprises of his community. He was a generous contributor to charity and to his church; he was always on the side of progress and he devoted his time and energy in this direction. He died on December 26, 1939, and, in his passing, he left record of a life well spent, a principle which seems to have prevailed in his family from the days of the first Dutch settlers. At his death, he left a widow, Emma Harder Van Voris; two sons: Arthur H. Van Voris and John M. Van Voris and three grandchildren, Beverly Van Voris, Sarah Ann Van Voris, and John Irving Van Voris, all now of Cobleskill, New York.

GRACE A. REAVY—The universally approved appointment in 1937 of Grace A. Reavy, at the New York State Civil Service Commission, was a high point in her city and State service career that dates back to 1919. In that same year came another recognition for accomplishment in State service to Miss Reavy when, at a convention of the New York State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, held in Syracuse, in May, 1917, she was honored as one of four women in the State to receive the Award of Achievement bestowed by the State Federation. The award was a tribute to her individual success in government.

Grace A. Reavy was born in Cohoes, March 14, 1877. She attended St. Bernard's Academy in Cohoes, from which she was graduated in 1893.

As already indicated the experience of Grace A. Reavy began in 1919, when she became deputy comptroller in Cohoes, New York. After three years in that capacity she moved into the post of city comptroller. On July 1, 1927, she was appointed city treasurer of Cohoes, acting as such until July 1, 1928, when she became election commissioner of Albany County. Following almost verbatim, her career as published in "Civic Service" is: City and county service opened to the broader avenue of State government and on July 1, 1929, Secretary of State Edward J. Flynn appointed Miss Reavy as deputy in the Department of State, later designating her as executive deputy, a position held by her for eight years. During that time, Miss Reavy represented Mr. Flynn as official delegate to the annual conference of the National Association of Secretaries of State. She was elected secretary of the national association at St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1935, and was selected as treasurer at the convention held in Albany and New York City in July, 1936. Miss Reavy severed her connection with the Department of State on April 13, 1937, when she was selected by Governor Herbert H. Lehman as a member of the State Civil Service Commission. Her election as president of the commission followed on April 29, and Miss Reavy thus became the only woman member of the Governor's official cabinet.

Miss Reavy became interested in the suffrage movement back in 1911, and was the leader in the Third Assembly District of Albany County in the Woman's Suffrage Association from 1915 to 1917; later in the same district she represented the League of Women Voters. Even before suffrage, however, Miss Reavy's civic pride manifested itself in the recreation movement in her home city and she became a member of the National Recreation Association. She founded the first playgrounds for children in Cohoes under the auspices of the Women's Municipal League. During the World War period, Miss Reavy's activities naturally turned to the work of the Red Cross, and from 1917 until as late as 1935 Miss Reavy was home service chairman for the American Red Cross. She is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and a director in the Albany County Tuberculosis Association.

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She is a member of the National Association of Comptrollers and Accounting Officers, the New York State Election Commissioners and the National Association of License Law Officials.

Miss Reavy resides in the family home at No. 125 Ontario Street, Cohoes.

COL. LESTER C. HIGBEE, C. E.—In the varied fields of engineering, advertising and military, Colonel Lester C. Higbee, C. E., of Troy and Lansingburgh, New York, has made notable records. Except for extended World War service, he has been a resident of Troy since 1915, at that time becoming associated with the firm of W. and L. E. Gurley, of this city. He is active in civic, humanitarian and social circles, and is especially well known for his leadership in musical affairs.

Lester C. Higbee was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 17, 1889, son of Josiah B. and Mary R. (Smith) Higbee, who now live at Absecon, New Jersey. Josiah B. Higbee, a native of Atlantic City, is a builder and contractor in South New Jersey and a prominent citizen and churchman in Absecon. His son, of this record, was educated in the grammar and high schools of Atlantic City, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, being graduated in 1912 with the degree of Civil Engineer. For a short time he was with the Riter Conley Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, employed in the engineering department as draftsman and in related capacities. There followed an association with the Atlas Cement Company, as engineer, which took him to Northampton, Pennsylvania, and Hannibal, Missouri. Then he practiced his profession with the Alabama Power Company in the South, and Cohoes, New York, where he was plant and field engineer in connection with the construction by the Cohoes Company of the hydro-electric works for the city. On May 1, 1915, he joined the W. & L. E. Gurley Company, of Troy, as advertising manager, a post he continues to fill.

The military record of Colonel Higbee begins with his enlistment in Company A of the old Second New York Infantry Regiment, National Guard, in January, 1916. He served with that regiment on the Mexican border. During that period he was advanced to the rank of corporal. When local national guardsmen were called out in 1917 during the World War, Mr. Higbee was commissioned a second lieutenant by Colonel James M. Andrews and assigned to Company D. When the regiment, which was then known as the 105th Infantry was sent to Camp Wadsworth in South Carolina for training, Mr. Higbee was assigned to a special machine gun and poisonous gas school.

In May, 1918, he went abroad with a special detail for training in a similar school in France. He rejoined the regiment after their arrival overseas and in August he was commissioned a first lieutenant and served in all the principal engagements in which the 105th participated. Colonel Higbee was gassed in action in October, 1918, and was confined to a hospital for some time. In February, 1919, he was commissioned a captain and was mustered out of the service on April 1, 1919. For exceptional World War service he was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star decorations.

Back in America, Colonel Higbee continued his interest in military affairs. At one time he was captain of Company A, and later regimental adjutant, before retiring about 1932. With the recent war preparations initiated in the United States, and the introduction of conscription to National Guard units and of individuals, plans are being carried out for the creation of "provisional regiments." One of the twenty such organizations in the country is the 2d Regiment, New York Guard, of which Colonel Higbee is the commanding officer.

The interests of Colonel Higbee touch life on many sides. He keeps in contact with the men and progress of his profession by memberships in the Professional Engineers of Rensselaer County, and the Rensselaer Society of Engineers of which he is a director and was president from 1928 to 1938, inclusive. Fraternally he is affiliated with Jerusalem Lodge, No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lansingburgh, New York, and is a member of the Troy Rotary Club; also trustee of Lansingburgh School District, director and assistant secretary of the board of the Troy Orphan Asylum; director of the board of management of Leonard Hospital; director of the board of Knickerbacker Play Grounds, and treasurer of the William Floyd Chapter, Sons of American Revolution. He is very fond of music, and an exceptionally talented organist, Colonel Higbee is the highly regarded president of the Troy Vocal Society, reputed to be the oldest organization of its kind in the United States. He is organist and an elder of the Lansingburgh Presbyterian Church.

On August 1, 1917, at Lansingburgh, New York, Colonel Lester C. Higbee married Margaret Bates Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parks. Colonel and Mrs. Higbee are the parents of three children: 1 Carolyn Parks, attended Russell Sage College, of Troy, and Marshall College, at Huntington, West Virginia. 2. Sharlotte Parks, now attending Lansingburgh High School. 3. Richard Hargrove, also attending Lansingburgh Junior High School.

CHARLES WILLARD GREEN, M. D.—Specializing in gynecology and endocrinology, Dr. Charles Willard Green is one of Schenectady's leading professional men.

Dr. Green was born July 6, 1895, in Niskayuna, Schenectady County, New York, son of William and Anna May (Miller) Green. His father, born in 1868 in Niskayuna, is a dairy farmer and formerly was a State road contractor. The mother, born in Schenectady County in 1873, also still makes her home here.

Public schools in this county and the Schenectady city schools provided Charles Willard Green's early education, and he was graduated in 1913 from high school. In 1918 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Albany Medical College. He then served a year's interneship at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, after which he engaged in general medical practice in this city until 1935. In that year he took postgraduate work in the Post-Graduate Hospital, New York City, studying gynecology and endocrinology. He has made these branches of medicine his specialty since that time, and is today recognized as one of Schenectady's leading professional workers. He is a member of the courtesy staff of Ellis Hospital, serves on the staff of Schenectady City Hospital, and since 1921 has been in charge of the medical and surgical clinic at the Health Center in Schenectady. He belongs to the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Wholly aside from his medical labors, Dr. Green takes a lively interest in politics and public affairs. He is a staunch Democrat and a supporter of his party's policies and principles. Fraternally he is affiliated with Christopher Yates Lodge, No. 971, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. During the World War, Dr. Green was a member of the Naval Reserve. He belongs to the Eastern Parkway Methodist Church. In spare time he likes sports and the out-of-doors, being fond of guns and baseball and doing considerable fishing and hunting in periods when opportunity permits.

Dr. Charles Willard Green married (first), November 19, 1919, Mabel G. Myers, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Charles W. and Emma (Pepper) Myers. She is now deceased, having passed away January 2, 1929. They were the parents of one son, Charles W. Myers, Jr., who was born December 21, 1928. Dr. Green married (second), December 10, 1930, Leah C. Ploss, of Schenectady, daughter of David M. and Lillian (Bremer) Ploss.

THOMAS F. FITZGERALD—Thomas Francis FitzGerald is a member of a family which, with its allies, has been established in Troy, New York, at least a century and has been known for its public spirit and coöperation with things good for the community.

He is a son of the late Gerald B. FitzGerald and Helen (Heelan) FitzGerald. His mother, still living, like her husband was a native of Troy. Gerald B. died in November, 1931. He was born May 15, 1875, attended St. Peter's Parochial School, St. Peter's Academy and La Salle Institute, where he was graduated in 1895, after which he represented in New York and Massachusetts a mercantile establishment which was founded about 1850 by Michael Fitzgerald, who was his mother's brother. In 1912 he was appointed commissioner of charities of Troy, a post in which he served for many years. He was a Democratic State Committeeman, a member of the National Conference of Social Work, of the New York State Conference of Charities, the Capital District Conference of Charities and the Rensselaer County Board of Child Welfare. He was, too, a Chief Ranger of the Foresters, member of the Elks, the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His last public office was that of Deputy Commissioner of Vehicles of the State of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. FitzGerald had four children: 1. Thomas F., subject of this sketch. 2. Helen, graduate of St. Mary's Academy. 3. Gerald B., Jr., graduate of La Salle Institute and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 4. Marion G., graduate of St. Paul the Apostle School and College of New Rochelle.

Thomas Francis FitzGerald was born at Troy on January 29, 1900. His elementary education was obtained in the public schools, from La Salle Institute from which he was graduated in 1917, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute which conferred the degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1921 and appointed him a teacher of the subject in which he had thus qualified. He was assistant professor of mechanical engineering in 1938 when he resigned to become Commissioner of Public Works. The office is one of manifold responsibilities requiring not only technical engineering knowledge but the talents of administration as well, both of which requirements have been fully met.

Mr. FitzGerald is a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa fraternities; of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; the Society of Engineers of Eastern New York; past president of La Salle Alumni Association; retired volunteer, exempt, of Troy Fire Department; past vice-president of the local chapter of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has been chairman of the Democratic City Committee since 1937 and has been an active member many years.

In the summer and fall of 1917 he attended the Students Military Training Camp at Peekskill and he was one of the Students Army Training Corps of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a devotee of out-door activities and went in for the more strenuous sports, baseball, football and boxing.

At Troy, New York, in June, 1926, Thomas Francis FitzGerald married Mildred G. Clampett, graduate of St.

Joseph's Academy, Troy, and daughter of John B. and Mary (Hanagan) Clampett. The children are Eileen, born June, 1928, and Thomas B., born May, 1938.

HUGH W. McCLELLAN—As Commissioner of Public Welfare of Columbia County, Hugh W. McClellan is probably one of the best known citizens of the region. He has rendered a variety of public service, has been engaged in business, and has a large circle of friends.

Mr. McClellan was born October 17, 1888, at Ghent, New York, son of George and Elizabeth (Shufelt) McClellan. His father was a lawyer and was engaged in professional practice until his death in 1927. He was a former surrogate of Columbia County, and served as a representative in Congress from 1912 to 1914. The mother, also a native of this State, died in 1894.

Public schools provided Hugh W. McClellan's early formal education, and he was afterward engaged for some years in the manufacture of shirts at Chatham, there forming a corporation of which he was president and general manager. He was elected sheriff of Columbia County, and served in that office in 1934, 1935 and 1936, succeeding Milton Saulpaugh. At that period there was in existence a law which prohibited any sheriff from succeeding himself, much to the regret of the people of the district, who, as many clear evidences indicated, would have elected Mr. McClellan to this office for another term had it been legally possible for them to do so. He proved himself thoroughly efficient and capable as a sheriff, as he has since proven himself efficient and capable in his present office. He was made Commissioner of Public Welfare of Columbia County in 1937, and he continues to occupy this position down to the time of writing. The office is a highly important one in the district, imposing great responsibilities upon the incumbent; and Mr. McClellan has met these responsibilities in full.

He interests himself extensively in community affairs, and is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1915 Hugh W. McClellan married Mabel O'Neill, of Mt. Kisco, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth McClellan, graduated from Skidmore College; became the wife of Paul Trahm and the mother of their daughter, Christina Trahm. 2. George McClellan, who attended Pawling School and is now a student at Nichols Business College, at Dudley, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM E. LEONARD—As business man and public official, William E. Leonard, of Albany, has been a valuable asset to community and governmental affairs. As a young man he became associated with his father in contracting construction; in more recent years he has served efficiently in State offices.

Mr. Leonard was born at Saratoga Springs, New York, October 18, 1893, son of Thomas and Mary (Tracy) Leonard, both of whom are deceased. His father, a native of Connecticut, was born in 1854, and died in 1939. His mother was a native of Ireland. Thomas Leonard was a well-known general contractor of Saratoga Springs, who at one time engaged in a variety of other enterprises. A self-made man he rose to prominence in local circles, once serving as village trustee.

William E. Leonard was educated in the grammar schools of his birthplace, the Saratoga Springs High School, and the Albany Business College. He became familiar with his father's business as a lad, and joined the older man in contracting even before he had completed his business course in Albany. He was secretary of the Champlain Engineering & Construction Corporation, at the time of the entry of the United States in the World War, resigning to enlist in the navy. He saw active service from July, 1918, to March, 1919, for the most part of this period being assigned to the U. S. S. "Idalis" with the rank of machinist's mate.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Leonard again became associated with his father in general contracting, a connection which was not broken until 1924 when he transferred his personal activities to Albany. In June, 1925, Mr. Leonard was appointed Deputy Commissioner in the New York State Motion Pictures Commission, serving until 1927, when he went with the New York State Division of the Budget as budget examiner. Since August, 1935, he has been Deputy Commissioner of Correction. In this connection we quote from the official "Red Book" of New York State: Department of Correction, Division of Administration: "The deputy commissioner is head of the division of administration and must be a qualified expert in prison management; has general supervision over the custody and discipline of all prisoners and over the maintenance of all institutions of the department."

Mr. Leonard is a Democrat in his party allegiance, and was a member of the Saratoga County Democratic Committee from 1919 to 1935. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus; the American Legion Post, Adirondack Post, No. 70, at Saratoga Springs, and the McGregor Club of Saratoga Springs. He plays golf and enjoys fishing and swimming for recreation. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

At Glens Falls, New York, in November, 1935, William E. Leonard married Winifred A. O'Niell, a native of this place, daughter of Michael and Mary (Collins) O'Niell.

CARL STEPHEN DeLUCIA, M. D.—Dr. Carl S. DeLucia is one of the youngest practitioners of medicine and surgery in Troy, New York, but that fact has its advantages, as a young doctor has been taught the very latest tried and true principles as well as the accumulated medical wisdom of the past.

Dr. DeLucia was born in Italy on August 9, 1908, but was brought to America when only six years old. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DeLucia who immigrated to New York City and remained there for two years, but in 1916 moved to Troy. Here the mother died in 1930, the father in 1936, and both lie in a Troy cemetery.

They were hard-working parents, but thrifty and had their son educated first in the public schools, then in La Salle Institute, Troy, where he was graduated in 1928. Going farther academically he received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Manhattan College in 1932, and his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1936 from Loyola Medical College of the City of Chicago.

Thus equipped he began as an interne in St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and after the usual course as resident physician to acquire varied experience, he opened his office in Troy and engaged in general practice, but he has already achieved a reputation for more than ordinary skill in surgical operations and in the treatment of varicose veins, in which there has been in recent years some marked improvement.

Dr. DeLucia finds his profession exacting and rather prohibitive as to other activities, but he is on the staff of Troy City Hospital and is a member of the New York State Medical Association and the Rensselaer County Medical Society.

In 1932, in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Carl S. DeLucia married June Griswold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Griswold, who are residents of Iowa.

GRACE E. ALLISON—The career of Grace E. Allison as registered nurse and as administrator and teacher of nursing has been marked by universal service, at home and abroad, and has won encomiums from royalty and others in high authority.

Miss Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison, was born at Port Austen, Michigan, was educated in the public schools of Cheboygan, Michigan, and Lima, Ohio, at Michigan State Normal College and she studied at Columbia University in 1910 and 1911, and again in 1914 and 1915. Her professional training and place of graduation was the Lakeside Hospital School of Nursing, now named the Frances Payne Bolton University of Nursing at Cleveland, Ohio.

From 1908 to 1910 she was superintendent of the Northern Pacific Sanatorium at Portland, Oregon; attended Teachers College, Columbia University, 1910-11 and from 1911 to 1913 was assistant principal at the School of Nursing of her own *alma mater,* Lakeside Hospital. In 1914 and 1915 she was directress of nurses at the Polyclinic Hospital, New York City, but found time also for a postgraduate course of nursing which she took at Columbia University in the same city. Immediately upon this further improvement of her already efficient qualifications she was made principal of the nursing department of the Lakeside Hospital and retained her connection with this hospital until 1923.

She therefore had varied and valuable experience and training, when, at the outbreak of the first World War the Lakeside Hospital, at the request of the United States Government, organized a unit known as Base Hospital No. 4, American Expeditionary Forces, and appointed Miss Allison chief nurse of the unit. It may be mentioned in passing, that this group of nurses was the first American contingent of its kind to serve in the great conflict; they carried the first American flag following the entrance of the United States into the war, and this is now preserved in the Museum at Washington, District of Columbia. Moreover, the unit was officially received by His Majesty, King George V and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace in May, 1917. They were also received by the Dowager Queen Alexandria at Marlborough House. The unit was loaned to the British Government and called Base Hospital, No. 9, British Expeditionary Force. Miss Allison served with her unit as chief until October, 1918, when she was called back to Cleveland by Lakeside Hospital and later discharged from active duty. The British Government decorated her with the Royal Red Cross Medal and she was mentioned for efficient service in dispatches from the front by Sir Douglas Haig.

In 1923 Miss Allison resigned from the Lakeside School of Nursing and the same year, in September, accepted the position of inspector of schools for nurses of the University of the State of New York, with headquarters at Albany. She remained at this post until 1924 when she became superintendent of the Samaritan Hospital at Troy. She accepted and remained until 1939, when she sought retirement from hospital responsibilities.

In September, 1940, at the request of the board of directors of the hospital, she resumed her former position as superintendent.

Miss Allison is a member of the University Club of Troy; the Business and Professional Women's Club of Troy; the Hospital Association of Northeastern New York; the New York State Hospital Association; the National League of Nursing Education; the American Nurses Association. She has been made a Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators, and by virtue of her service in foreign fields, is a member of Delano Post, the American Legion.

Wm. E. Gazeley MD

Her favorite recreations, indoors, are reading and writing. She has contributed articles both interesting and informing to the history of the American Red Cross. Her physical recreations are golf and horseback riding and the pleasures of her summer camp at Lake St. Catherine in Vermont.

WILLIAM E. GAZELEY, M. D.—One of Schenectady's most active physicians and a specialist in surgical practice, Dr. William E. Gazeley was born June 11, 1893, in Graniteville, Vermont, son of Charles F. W. and Pauline (Ruez) Gazeley. His father, born in Bedford, England, died in 1921, was for years owner and operator, in Albany, of the monument manufacturing firm of Gazeley & Moffitt, which had its inception in 1899. The mother was born in Albany, and she also is now deceased.

Albany schools provided William E. Gazeley's early education, and when he completed his studies at Milne High School, that city, he became a student at Holy Cross College. He was graduated from Albany Medical College in 1917, and immediately served an interneship at Ellis Hospital, in Schenectady, for one year. During the World War period he served in the research department of the United States Army Aviation Corps from June, 1918, to January, 1919, holding the first lieutenant's commission. At the resumption of peace, he began his medical work in Schenectady, where, since 1929, he has specialized in surgery. He is a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, having been so appointed in 1938.

Considerable hospital and public work have rounded out Dr. Gazeley's service to his community and district. He is an orthopedic surgeon at Ellis Hospital, the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital School and Schenectady City Hospital, and is consulting orthopedic surgeon to the Schenectady County Hospital and Glen Ridge Sanitarium. At the time of writing Dr. Gazeley is serving his second term as a member of the Schenectady school board, of which he has been a member since 1934; he served one term as coroner's physician. He is independent in his political views, reserving his vote for the candidates and measures of his choice. Dr. Gazeley is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club, Knights of Columbus, and is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. In leisure time he enjoys photography and golf.

On September 5, 1923, Dr. William E. Gazeley married Myrtle L. Fredericks, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Abraham L. Fredericks. They became the parents of two children: 1. William E. Gazeley, Jr., born September 15, 1924. 2. Mary Lois Gazeley, born October 18, 1926.

O. GATES PORTER—Long prominent in the practice of law and in the insurance business in Athens, O. Gates Porter also serves as Deputy Commissioner of Welfare of Greene County.

Mr. Porter was born February 3, 1874, in Athens, New York, son of Clark and Charlotte Christina (Meade) Porter, of Schoharie and Greene counties respectively, both now deceased. His father was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits and was active in public affairs.

Public schools of Athens provided O. Gates Porter's early formal education, and he was graduated from Albany Law School in 1907 as a Bachelor of Laws. At the age of twenty-one years he became under-sheriff of Greene County, so serving until 1898, when he was made clerk of the Surrogate Court for the term 1898-99. He then went to New York City and became associated with a fire insurance company in the financial district, remaining there for two years and then devoting a year to work in the accounting department of the American Locomotive Company, at Schenectady, New York. During this period he began his law studies, and also served as clerk in the law office of Edward A. Gifford, who was then district attorney of Greene County. Admitted to the bar of New York State in November, 1906, six months before his graduation from law school, Mr. Porter remained with Mr. Gifford, who soon became deputy attorney general of New York State. The two men were partners together in both law practice and the insurance business. In 1909 Mr. Porter took over both the law and insurance branches, and has been engaged in both these realms down to the time of writing, with offices in Athens.

He has rendered a variety of public service. A Republican in politics, he served for twenty years as police magistrate of Athens. He has also been a member of the town board and for eight years was justice of the peace. At the time of writing he is town attorney of Athens and president of the board of education. His appointment as Deputy Commissioner of Welfare of Greene County came to him November 1, 1930, and he still continues in this position. His main office is situated in the Courthouse at Catskill, though he still maintains his Athens office. He is also attorney for the Welfare Department. Fraternally Mr. Porter is connected with Catskill Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Albany Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is a Past District Deputy Grand Chancellor of the order. He holds membership likewise in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is active in the Reformed Church.

On October 24, 1900, O. Gates Porter married Ann Salt Lawrence, daughter of Captain Edward and Jennette (Salt) Lawrence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Porter are talented as writers, and do some work as correspondents for local newspapers. Mr. Porter particularly enjoys, as a hobby, the collection of historical papers.

GUY W. PINCK—With almost three decades' experience with the Department of Highways, State of New York, Guy W. Pinck was appointed on April 4, 1939, Commissioner of Canals and Highways, a post for which he was eminently well fitted and which he has since continued to fill with great skill and efficiency.

Mr. Pinck was born in Buffalo, New York, September 19, 1882, son of James R. and Adelaide (Basket) Pinck. His mother was a native of Cowlesville, New York; his father born in Chichester, England, was over a long period a wagon manufacturer in Buffalo prior to his death in 1935. After attending the elementary schools of his birthplace, Guy W. Pinck entered the Masten Park High School, Buffalo, from which he was graduated in 1903. His professional education was acquired in the University of Virginia School of Engineering, where in 1907 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

After leaving college, Mr. Pinck engaged in engineering work in Cuba by civilian appointment in the United States Army Corps, in conjunction with the Cuba Department of Public Works. He became associated with the Department of Highways of New York State in 1910, serving in the various engineering grades until appointment as district engineer on April 1, 1927, and assigned to district No. 3, located at Syracuse, having supervision over highway, grade crossing and barge canal activities in that district. Mr. Pinck was appointed Commissioner of Canals and Waterways on April 4, 1939.

Mr. Pinck is a former member of the 74th Regiment of Infantry, National Guard. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Commandery, Knights Templar. At one time he was a member of the Syracuse Rotary Club, Commodore of the Syracuse Yacht Club, and the University Club. He is of the Protestant Episcopal faith. Horseback riding and fishing are his favorite recreations.

At Buffalo, New York, Guy W. Pinck married Marie McKennie, born in Charlottesville, Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cummings McKennie, both natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Pinck have a daughter, Anne, born in Buffalo, who married Edwin Easter.

HUGH C. MORRISSEY—In the life and affairs of Troy, the city in which he has spent the most of his life and engaged in his major business activities, Hugh C. Morrissey is one of its most popular and useful citizens. He is a native of Lansingburgh, New York, born September 7, 1880, son of the late John Morrissey and his wife, the former Mary McMahon, of Troy.

The father of Mr. Morrissey was for some years a railroad man prior to becoming the proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, which he operated over a long period. Hugh C. Morrissey completed his academic education in the Troy public schools and received a thorough training in business college. His first employment of note was as an office boy with Cary and Roemer, Troy civil engineers. He might have made a career in engineering had not the failing health of his father required his presence at home. So it came about that at the age of twenty, Hugh C. Morrissey became the manager of the old Eagle Hotel, which he conducted for about twenty-three years. Incidental to this connection was a constantly increasing number of contacts, personal and business, with people from all over the contiguous states, but especially in the Capital Region. In the words of a contemporary, "To know Morrissey was to like him immensely. He always has had a host of friends."

In 1923 he became associated with the Fifth Avenue Bus Company, Inc., Troy, as an executive. The first roster of officials included A. B. Cobden, president; George A. Vanderbilt, vice-president; and A. E. Bosca, vice-president. Mr. Morrissey was assistant secretary-treasurer. Two years later he succeeded to the official position of Mr. Bosca, and became a director, posts which he has since held and filled most capably. A. B. Cobden remains at the head of the corporation.

Keenly interested in civic affairs and good government, Mr. Morrissey has always lent his influence and has been liberal with his means in the promotion of the city's progress and betterment. He represented one of its districts in the Legislature in 1919 and 1920. During the first World War, he was secretary to the Draft Board of Troy, in 1917. He is now chairman of the Third District Draft Board under appointment by Governor Herbert Lehman. For more than forty years he has been affiliated with the Troy Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, popular and esteemed, and he is a member of the All Troy Club.

At Troy, in 1903, Hugh C. Morrissey married Dora Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gardner, both parents now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey are the parents of a daughter, Mary, born in Troy, in 1907. She is a graduate of Holy Name College and of St. Rose's College, in Albany, now living at home.

Robert G Patrie

EDWARD J. DONOHUE—Outstanding among the professional men of the Troy-Albany section of New York, Edward J. Donohue has won reputation as a lawyer in a practice marked by specializing in probate work and real estate law. He is a recognized authority in these fields, and has shown exceptional juridical qualities calling for his elevation to the bench.

Mr. Donohue was born at Speigletown, near Troy, in Rensselaer County, October 1, 1884, son of Edward and Ellen (Duggan) Donohue, both of whom are deceased. Edward Donohue, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, came to Rensselaer County when young and engaged in agriculture throughout the most of his life. He was the father of twelve children.

Edward J. Donohue, of this record, attended the Grants Hollow School, and was graduated from St. Augustine Academy in 1901. Later he matriculated at the Albany Law School, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1906, with high honors. That same year (1906) he was admitted to the bar and began the practice f his profession in Troy. As already indicated, he specializes in surrogate practice and realty law, meeting with minent success.

Mr. Donohue was a justice of the peace, town of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County; a former president of he village of Valley Falls, same county; and was corration counsel for the city of Troy, 1926, 1927. He also epresented the First District, Rensselaer County, in the General Assembly in 1925. In 1940 he was a candidate or surrogate of Rensselaer County, and was elected, takng office January 1, 1941, a post to which he is amply itted by background in the law, experience and wide ublic service. Mr. Donohue is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Rensselaer County Bar Association. He is of the Catholic faith.

Edward J. Donohue married Helen F. Connally, of Troy, sister of Dr. Eugene F. Connally, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Connally, both deceased. Mr. Connally was a prominent brush manufacturer of the old vilage of Lansingburgh, now part of Troy.

ROBERT G. PATRIE—As a practicing lawyer nd as judge of the surrogate court, Robert G. Patrie as come to be widely known in Columbia County. Though his activities as a judge are centered in Hudson, e formerly had his law practice in Livingston, and his ervices to his contemporaries have been county-wide in heir scope.

Judge Patrie was born May 8, 1872, in Livingston, New York, son of John H. and Marietta (Gardner) Patrie, both now deceased. His father was engaged in gricultural pursuits.

After completing his preliminary education, Robert G. Patrie was a student at the State Normal College, from which he graduated, and for a year did post-graduate work in that institution; at Yale and Columbia universities, he took special courses. He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1909 at the Brooklyn Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1910. Between 1893 and 1910 he was engaged in teaching, with the exception of one year during which he was doing post-graduate work. After admittance to the bar he practiced law in Jamaica, New York, for one year, and then returned to his native town of Livingston, where he continued the practice of law. He owned and also operated the farm formerly owned by his father, until he sold it in 1929.

In 1934 he was elected surrogate of Columbia County for a term of six years; and was reëlected in 1940.

Also active in a variety of other ways, Robert G. Patrie was secretary and treasurer of the Columbia County Farm Bureau from the time of its organization in 1918 until 1933. He served as town clerk for five years and as supervisor of the town of Livingston for nine years. He is a director and vice-president of the Farmers National Bank of Hudson, and is president of the Hudson City Hospital, and of the Livingston Free Library, and is also chairman of the Board of Child Welfare of Columbia County.

He holds membership in the Hudson Chamber of Commerce, the Hudson Rotary Club, and the Columbia Country Club. He is Past Master of Johnstown Grange, and of Widow's Son Lodge, No. 335, Free and Accepted Masons, and is Past District Deputy Grand Master of Masons of the Second Columbia-Dutchess District. He is a member of the Linlithgo Reformed Church at Livingston.

HENRY W. BARKER—Since 1925, Henry W. Barker has served as commissioner of welfare and superintendent of the Greene County Home. He is a well-known resident of Greene County and has been active for many years in its life.

Born at Saugerties on August 12, 1868, Mr. Barker is a son of Samuel Ransom and Mary (Fiero) Barker, both born in Ulster County. His father was a teacher in the district schools all his life. Educated in local public schools and at Saugerties Free Academy, Mr. Barker was reared on a farm and has followed the farmer's vocation all his life. He has also been active in the carpenter's trade. An interest in public affairs has marked his career and brought him eventually into the sphere of public service. As superintendent of the Greene County Home and commissioner of welfare since 1925 he has administered his responsibilities in a manner reflecting high credit upon the qualifications he brings to his office and the industry and loyalty with which he has devoted himself to his tasks.

Mr. Barker is a member of the New York State Department of Social Welfare. He is past superintendent of highways for the town of Greenville, a position he filled for four years, and as a present resident of the town of Cairo he is active in its civic life, as well as in the general affairs of the county. For some years he has been a director of the Cairo National Bank. Mr. Barker is a member of the Cairo Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum. In the Masonic Order he is a member of Greenville Lodge, Greenville Royal Arch Chapter and Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Baptist Church of Greenville Center, but attends the Methodist Church in Cairo.

On December 24, 1917, Henry W. Barker married Sarah E. Brouillard, *née* Walters, of Cairo, daughter of Enoch Walters. They are the parents of one daughter, Laura May, who attended local schools and became a graduate nurse. She is now assistant superintendent of the Greene County Memorial Hospital.

MAJOR FRANK S. HARRIS—The head of the Division of the Treasury, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Major Frank S. Harris was appointed to this important post by the commissioner of this department in 1933. He has been in the service of the State since a few years after the World War, and in both civilian and military capacities has compiled a notable record. A veteran of the American Expeditionary Forces, and prominent in veteran organizations, he is equally well known as a club man and civic leader.

Major Harris was born in Albany, New York, April 30, 1879, son of George O. and Mary (Salisbury) Harris of that city. How far back his connection with the National Guard began, the writer does not know, but when this organization was taken into the Regular Army of the United States, Frank S. Harris enlisted and saw more than a year's service overseas, with the 51st Pioneer Infantry, 4th Corps, and participated in the battle of the St. Mihiel Salient, the Meuse-Argonne offensive and other principal military engagements in France. He went with the Army of Occupation into Germany, and received his honorable discharge somewhat later than many of our soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Major Harris was head of the New York State Veterans' Relief Board in 1924, and during the following years was appointed head of the Soldiers' Bonus Bureau, of which he was the organizer. He continued with both departments until July 1, 1933, when he entered the Department of Taxation and Finance; since 1935 he has been head of the Division of the Treasury, which in general performs the duties of the old State Treasurer and is the custodian of many State and other funds. He is a director of the Stock Transfer Tax Section.

In municipal affairs, Major Harris is much to the fore as the president of Albany Common Council, member of the board of education, Albany; member of the Albany Library Board and a popular figure in the city Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge, Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Numbered among his clubs are the Albany Country and the Fort Orange, and he is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and has the honor of having been made a Kentucky Colonel. Golf is his favorite game. He attends All Saints Episcopal Church, Albany.

FRED C. HILL—With the engineering profession, Fred C. Hill has been associated since his graduation from Syracuse University, in 1914. Like many of his vocation, he gained experience and reputation before settling in Troy, in 1926, where he has since remained as a gas engineer. He is well known to colleagues in the various technical associations of which he is a member and is active in civic, fraternal and business organizations wherein he contributes constructively to Troy life and affairs.

Mr. Hill was born at Turin, Lewis County, New York, June 1, 1888, son of Charles D. and Jennett (Evans) Hill. His father was a native of Turin, a graduate of the old Albany Normal School, and a Bachelor and Master of Arts of Hamilton College. For many years he was an educator, a principal of schools, school commissioner, and one time district superintendent of schools in Allegany County. Probably the foundations of the education of his son were laid in the home. So far as attending schools was concerned it began in Lewis County, Port Leyden, and was continued in several other places. He was graduated from the Bolivar High School (Allegany County), class of 1907; was a student in the Wilsonian Academy, at Angelica, New York; and was graduated from Syracuse University in 1914, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Until 1922 Fred C. Hill was connected with the Syracuse Lighting Company as an engineer, then going to Allentown, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of gas production for the Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Company. He remained here only to July, 1923, when he became associated with the gas department of the Charleston (South Carolina) Consolidated Railroad & Lighting

Company. In 1925 he left the South to accept an engineering position with the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia. Later in that same year Mr. Hill came to Troy as a gas engineer, and has since remained to become a popular figure in the professional group of this city.

Mr. Hill is a member of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, the American Gas Association, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Society of Engineers of Eastern New York. He also is a member of the Troy Club, the Rotary Club, and is affiliated with Melrose Lodge, No. 818, Angelica, New York, and all the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Tigris Temple, Syracuse, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church of Troy.

On June 19, 1923, Fred C. Hill married Ruth Krunanocker, and they are the parents of a daughter, Sara Jeanne, born in Allentown, October 2, 1924, now a student at Emma Willard School, Troy.

JAMES RICH STEVENSON, Jr.—In 1928, James Rich Stevenson, Jr., first became associated with Wagar's Inc., manufacturers of ice cream at Troy. With his elevation to the presidency in 1930, he took over the principal responsibilities of management and under his leadership during the past ten years the company has rapidly expanded its facilities and business. It operates today one of the most modern ice cream plants in the country, with a plant capacity up to five hundred thousand gallons of ice cream, both bulk and package.

Mr. Stevenson was born at Hobart, New York, on January 22, 1899, son of James R. and Helena (Newcomb) Stevenson. His father, formerly president of the National Bank of Hobart and a member of the New York State Assembly for five years, is now retired.

James R. Stevenson, Jr., received his preliminary education in the public schools of Hobart and after completing the high school course, studied at Blair Academy and Cornell University, from both of which he was graduated. His connection with the life of Troy began on January 1, 1928, when he came to Wagar's Inc. as assistant manager. This business had its origin in 1885, when Winfield S. Wagar, a Troy jeweler, found the demand for his home-made ice cream so great that he opened a retail store and devoted his principal attention to the new enterprise. Wagar's ice cream soon became famous for its quality in the Troy area and eventually a wholesale business was developed as other retailers asked to be supplied with Wagar's. In 1925, the company limited its activities exclusively to the wholesaling of ice cream, which is its present field of operation.

The death of Winfield S. Wagar, following within a year the death of Malcolm K. Grant, president of the company in the twenties, brought younger company executives to the helm. Mr. Stevenson, who had become treasurer and general manager of Wagar's Inc., on June 10, 1929, succeeded to the presdency on April 15, 1930, following Mr. Wagar's death. He has since remained as executive head of the organization. Building on the old traditions, he has effected a substantial development of the business, reflected in increased gallonage and made possible in large part by the program of modernization undertaken with the capable assistance of Roger H. Briggs (*q. v.*), secretary and production manager of the company. This four-year program, launched in 1935 and completed in 1939, was ambitious in scope, yet well within the limited yearly budget of the company. It extended to all departments of the organization and has recently been made the subject of an illustrated article in the trade journal "Ice Cream Field."

"The Wagar plant modernization program cost money, a lot of it," wrote this publication. "Yet, in the long run, the entire modernization program bids fair to pay for itself in the increased savings and profits it has brought to the entire operation. This is a broad statement to make; it is proved by Wagar's records.

"Modernization was first started in the freezing room. With the addition of new freezers, Wagar's found they could produce more of a better quality ice cream without increasing labor costs. The second step was in the mix department and in this, too, Wagar's found decreased costs apparent almost at once. Savings from new refrigeration and heating equipment have been as high as thirty to forty per cent. and substantial savings have likewise been realized from the hardening room modernization. Summed up, these extra savings really mean extra profits at the end of the year and from these extra profits the modernization program is paying for itself. . . ."

In selecting Wagar's Inc. as an example of how a medium-sized ice cream plant, by a well-conceived program, can secure the advantages of complete modernization and make it pay, "Ice Cream Field" recounts the successive steps taken and by contrasting photographs of the old and new, illustrates the advantages of modern equipment and arrangement:

"There were more problems connected with Wagar's modernization than will be found in most cases. They were lessees of three very old buildings, each on different floor levels. They were in an area adjacent to the business section with railroad tracks virtually surrounding the buildings which housed their plant. Their most important decision was to decide whether it was more efficient and economical to remain in these leased buildings, or try and find a better location that would allow them to eventually buy and own their own plant. . . ."

When it was decided to remain in the old buildings, careful consideration was given to the modernization of the buildings themselves, as well as the installation of new equipment. "The improvements initiated there consisted of the installation of quarry-red tile floors; tile wainscotting along the bottom of all walls, with heavy plastering above. It included the installation of a new system of daylight lighting in the processing rooms and the use of stainless steel trim wherever possible. All racks, chairs, tables, benches, sinks and other small items of equipment are all stainless steel. . . ."

These improvements and the arrangement of the plant were decided on with an eye to their merchandising value. Progressive management has thus brought to Troy one of the most efficient and completely equipped ice cream plants of its size in the country. It is progressive management that has also made Wagar's Inc. one of the most successful of Troy's industries.

Mr. Stevenson, who continues as president of Wagar's Inc., is a member of the Troy Club and the Troy Country Club and is active in other phases of the city's life as well as business.

He married, at Troy, on June 13, 1931, Helene Bord Bussey.

ROGER H. BRIGGS—As secretary and production manager of Wagar's Inc., Roger H. Briggs is active in the management of one of Troy's old established industries, an organization famous in the Capital Region for the manufacture of quality ice cream since 1885. He began his business career after several years spent in the field of education and has served in his present position since 1929.

Mr. Briggs was born at Utica on July 21, 1902, son of Frederick Kingsley Briggs, a musician, and Clara A. (Halsey) Briggs. He was educated at Hamilton College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925, and for two years prior to coming with Wagar's Inc., taught science and mathematics. In 1928 he joined the company as accountant and in 1929 took over the duties to which he has since devoted himself as secretary and production manager of the company. Although Wagar's Inc. have been wholesalers of ice cream for many years, it is only since 1925 that they have concentrated their efforts exclusively in the wholesale field, and the rapidly developing business of the company, which has a plant capacity up to five hundred thousand gallons of ice cream, both bulk and package, has made heavy demands upon him. As plant manager, he has been in full charge of production.

Mr. Briggs collaborated with James R. Stevenson, Jr. (*q. v.*), president of the company, in drawing up a four-year plan for the modernization of the plant which has re-equipped every department of the company through expenditures sizable in total, yet kept well within a limited annual budget. This plan was carried into effect between the years 1935 and 1939 under Mr. Briggs' direct supervision, and a detailed account of its success has been carried in trade journals of wide circulation. Wagar's plant offered special difficulties for such a program because of the fact that it consisted of three very old buildings, each on different floor levels. The question of whether to build a new plant was faced realistically and the decision to remain in the old one was based on the following factors, quoted in Mr. Briggs' own words:

"There are many hidden investments in any ice cream plant that are practically thrown away if removal is planned, and this was one of the prime reasons we decided to stay put. Our regular equipment, such as refrigerating systems, pipes, coils and similar existing facilities, represented a substantial equity that we would lose if we moved. Our modernization program was primarily based on our realization that in order to get better efficiency and better quality, we needed better equipment, such as freezers, pasteurizers, vacuum tanks, etc. We felt that the added expense of running new fixed-installation equipment would take away from the amount we had to spend on production equipment, and I still think we were right."

Modernization of the plant was logically begun in the freezing room, where the replacement of old-type batch freezers with new continuous freezers and a new, direct-expansion batch freezer for special orders has resulted in the creation of a spacious, completely modern freezing room. As Mr. Stevenson, the company's president, remarked: "Modernization of one department seems to bring on a need for modernization of another department to make the first department operate at peak efficiency." Accordingly, the modernization program was next carried into the mix department, where a huge, fan-type direct expansion mix cooler was installed, with two stainless steel mix storage tanks insulated with four inches of cork and direct-expansion refrigeration built especially to Wagar's design. The pasteurizers and homogenizer already in use were retained, but were moved to positions that gave them greater eye-appeal to passing consumers. The mechandising factor in plant arrangement and the placing of equipment has always weighed with company executives in carrying out their program.

The next step involved the modernization of the power plant. Most of the old equipment was scrapped, and a new direct-expansion system was installed. "Included in the change," writes "Ice Cream Field" in reporting for

Ferris B. Thompson

the trade the successive steps taken in modernizing the Wagar plant, "was the installation of a modern, high-speed compressor with automatic thermostatic control that operates the hardening rooms. The high-temperature fruit storage room coils were replaced by a blower-type unit that increased usable space, that gives greater temperature control. Hardening room coils were changed to make them full-flooded. The old-type double pipe condensers were changed to the shell and tube type. . . ." The heating equipment of the plant was also converted for the use of a more economical fuel oil.

The two hardening rooms also received due attention in the program and in January, 1938, when Wagar's took over the business of Dake's Ice Cream Company at Saratoga and new facilities were necessary, a third hardening room was added. "Primarily designed for the storage of package and novelty items, the new hardening room was installed by the Armstrong Cork Company. It has full-flooded coils and creamery package refrigeration. It was also equipped with Jamison doors, while the older hardening rooms were equipped with refrigerated doors covered with a newly developed metal called Ludlite. . . . The new hardening room is entirely filled with steel shelving arranged in banks and this allows more storage capacity."

With new installations designed to renovate the buildings themselves and new furnishings and casual equipment, Wagar's four-year program was completed. The result was a modern and efficient plant which has attracted considerable attention in the ice cream industry and which has enabled Wagar's Inc. to reach new production levels in keeping pace with a growing business, eliminating delays and effecting substantial economies.

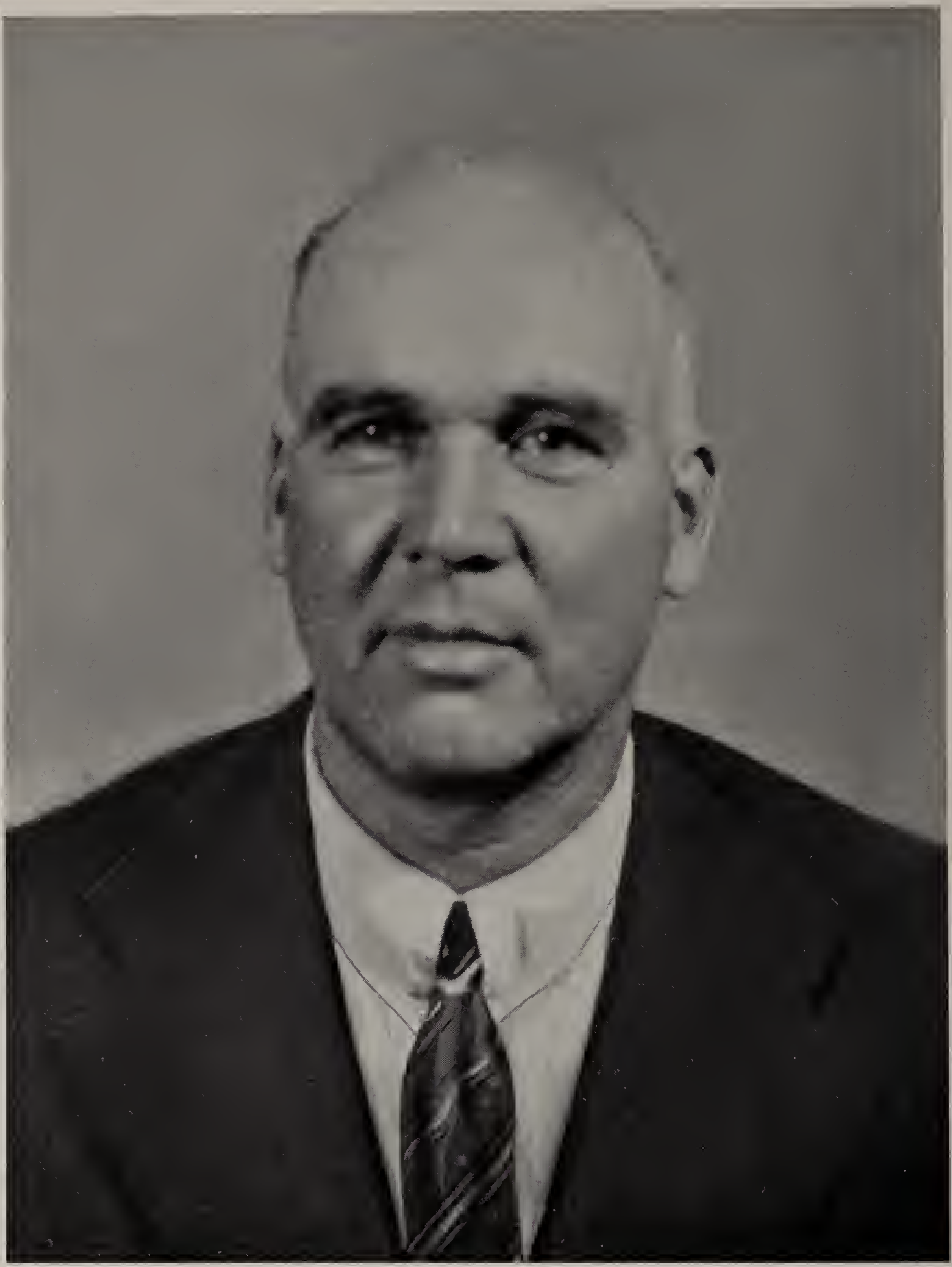
Mr. Briggs, who remains in charge of Wagar's Inc. production and who has become a well-known figure in the industrial life of Troy during the past decade as a result of his successful record, is affiliated with the Beta Kappa fraternity.

He married, at Albany on September 11, 1929, Olga A. Hampel and has one daughter, Patricia H. Briggs, born August 24, 1930.

THE THOMPSON FAMILY—The Thompson family of Windham, Greene County, was established here during the last century by Ira Thompson, a farmer of Ashland, who purchased the present location and later developed a fine farm, about two miles from Windham, operated by his descendants up to 1937, when the dairy herd was sold. He was the grandfather of Ferris B., Raymond H., and Donald W. Thompson, brothers, and present representatives of the family in the Windham community. Their father was Herbert B. Thompson, son of Ira Thompson, with whom he built on the Thompson farm the summer boarding house now known as the Thompson House. Herbert B. Thompson was always the more active in this enterprise and continued its operation until his death in 1927. He was also a plumber and followed this vocation, building up a considerable business in the Windham area. His wife, Mary (Keller) Thompson, born in Hunter, survives him.

Ferris B. Thompson, eldest of their sons, was born on September 23, 1893, and was educated in the Windham public schools. After high school he went directly into the summer resort business with his father. Since the death of Herbert B. Thompson in 1927, he and his brother, Raymond H. Thompson, have continued the operation of the Thompson House. This is a well-known resort of the Windham section, with accommodations for one hundred guests and full recreational facilities. Mr. Thompson and his two brothers also conduct a general contracting business, through which they have played an active rôle in building developments of the area. He has served for two years as supervisor, a position evidencing his influential position in Windham life. Mr. Thompson is also a director of the Windham Golf Course and a director of the Windham Cemetery Association. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of Mountain Lodge and member and Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and serves as a trustee and steward of the Windham Methodist Church. In politics he is a Republican. Ferris B. Thompson married, on October 14, 1916, Anita L. West, of Windham. They are the parents of five children: Ruth, a graduate of Windham High School and Albany State Teachers' College, later a teacher in Greenville High School, married in October, 1940, Pierce W. Stevens, a merchant of Greenville, New York; Eleanor, a graduate of Windham High School, a graduate of a course in nursing at the Ballard School in New York City, and now a nurse there; Roberta, a graduate of Windham High School and Albany Business College, now associated with the Greenville Insurance Company; Barbara, who is attending Windham High School; and Marianne, also a student in the local schools.

Raymond H. Thompson, second son of Herbert B. and Mary (Keller) Thompson, was educated in the Windham public schools and, like his elder brother, went from high school into the summer resort business with their father. He is now associated with Ferris B. Thompson in the management and operation of the Thompson House. Raymond H. Thompson has also learned the plumbing trade and takes a leading part in the general contracting business of the brothers. He is a member of Mountain Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is



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Past Master and Past High Priest, respectively, and is also a member of Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a Methodist, serving on the board of stewards of the Windham Methodist Church. Raymond H. Thompson married (first) Hilda Woodworth, of Jewett, Greene County, and they became the parents of one daughter, Olive, a graduate of Windham High School and St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. She is now a registered nurse in service at St. Luke's. Mr. Thompson married (second), on October 12, 1922, Mariam Cryne, of Windham. They have one daughter, Dorothy, now attending Windham High School.

Donald W. Thompson, third of the three sons of Herbert B. and Mary (Keller) Thompson, attended Windham High School and Albany Business College. Mechanically inclined, he followed this bent from the beginning of his career and has devoted his principal attention, among the family enterprises, to the Thompson contracting business. He is Past Master of Mountain Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, has served as King in Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and is now High Priest. Like his brothers, he is a Republican in politics and is a member of Windham Methodist Church, singing in the church choir. Donald W. Thompson married Eva Hitchcock, of Windham. They are the parents of four sons: Herbert, William, Donald, and Robert Thompson.

CLARENCE HENRY HUTCHINSON—For many years active in the insurance and real estate business in Chatham, Clarence Henry Hutchinson is president of C. H. Hutchinson Agency, Inc., engaged in this type of work, and is active in both business and civic affairs in his community.

Mr. Hutchinson was born September 19, 1878, in Milton, Connecticut, son of Lewis Edmund and Sarah Jane (Meyers) Hutchinson. His father was a millwright.

Public schools furnished Clarence Henry Hutchinson's early formal education, and after he completed his high school work in the Dutchess County schools he entered the insurance business. In 1911 he came to Chatham, establishing what was known as the Hutchinson Insurance & Real Estate Agency and prospering with his activities here. In 1929 the enterprise was incorporated as C. H. Hutchinson Agency, Inc., of which Mr. Hutchinson is now president.

Active in a wide variety of Chatham affairs, Mr. Hutchinson was a corporal of the Chatham Home Guard, is interested in outdoor sports and athletics, is a past president of the Exchange Club and vice-president of the Lions Club, and has devoted a great deal of time to studying the wealth of historical data that is to be found in the Capital Region concerning the early life of our country. He is a member of the Chatham Automobile Club and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an elder in the Dutch Reformed Church.

On February 10, 1916, in Austerlitz, New York, Mr. Hutchinson married Sada Elizabeth Brown, daughter of George D. and Ella May (Holmes) Brown. The following are their children: 1. Clarence Holmes Hutchinson, born February 7, 1927, in Albany, New York. 2. Harold Edmund Hutchinson, born July 2, 1933, in Albany.

WILLIAM LELAND THOMPSON, Jr.—For many years William Leland Thompson, Jr., has figured prominently in the life of Troy, where he continues today his work as a director of the firm of John L. Thompson Sons & Company, wholesale drug house established by his great-grandfather.

Mr. Thompson was born December 4, 1909, in Troy, New York, son of William Leland and Martha (Groome) Thompson and member of an old and honorable family. He is descended in the tenth generation from Anthony Thompson, the line proceeding through Lieutenant John Thompson, Captain Samuel Thompson, Amos Thompson, Ezra Thompson, Ezra (2) Thompson, John Leland Thompson, William Augustus Thompson and William Leland Thompson, Sr., to William Leland Thompson, Jr. The founder of the drug business, John Leland Thompson, was born December 1, 1797, in Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, and died March 27, 1880, in Troy. He settled in Troy in 1817, began his career as a drug clerk, became a partner in the store of Gale & Thompson in 1821, conducted the business independently after Dr. Samuel Gale's death in 1826 for fifteen years, and in 1841 admitted a partner, David Cowee, to the firm, which thereupon became John L. Thompson & Company. In 1855 he admitted two sons, John Isaac and William Augustus Thompson, to the partnership, and it was then that the name of John L. Thompson Sons & Company was adopted. Other changes in the official personnel followed as the years went on. Hobart W. Thompson, grandson of the founder and only son of John Isaac Thompson, was admitted to the business; and the enterprise gradually grew to be one of the important wholesale drug houses in this part of the United States.

The other son of the founder, William Augustus Thompson, born February 2, 1834, in Troy, died here February 15, 1903, went at once into the business after completing his studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He married, June 18, 1863, Harriette Clarkson Crosby, of Watervliet. Their son, William Leland Thompson, Sr., born April 4, 1871, in Troy, graduated from Harvard in 1893, was admitted to the J. L. Thompson Company in that year. He has long been an outstanding figure in Troy's business and financial affairs, and has contributed notably to the city's cultural and civic life. He married, January 6, 1909, Martha Groome, daughter of John C. and Agnes (Roberts) Groome, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her father was the first superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Police. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson became the parents of the following children: 1. William Leland Thompson, Jr., of further mention. 2. Martha Evans Thompson born December 14, 1913. 3. Peter Schuyler Thompson, born December 8, 1917.

Of these, William Leland Thompson, Jr., was formally educated in the public schools of Troy, later attending Albany Academy and the Groton School, at Groton, Massachusetts. He then became a student at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. He at once associated himself with the wholesale drug house of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, the history of which dates back in its preliminary stages to 1797—the famous firm of John L. Thompson Sons & Company, Inc.

With this firm he has continued down to the time of writing as a director and as secretary, performing an outstandingly useful service to his community and his fellow-citizens. He has also participated increasingly in the business, civic and community life of Troy and this region of New York State. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Troy, the Hasty Pudding Club of Harvard, and other Harvard and local Troy organizations. Politically he is a Republican. Some years ago Mr. Thompson became a member of the 1st Troop of Philadelphia City Cavalry of Pennsylvania National Guard, serving as a private, then as a first lieutenant and aide-de-camp on the 53d Brigade staff of the New York State National Guard. He was also captain in command of the Headquarters Company, 53d Brigade, New York State National Guard. At present he is a major, assigned to the 3d Brigade Staff of the New York State National Guard. In Albany he is affiliated with the Schuyler Meadow Country Club and belongs to St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

William Leland Thompson, Jr., married, at Saranac Lake, New York, in 1933, Margaret Carr Leland, who came from Southboro, Massachusetts, and who died in 1937, daughter of the late Charles Frothingham and Margaret (Carr) Leland. Mr. Thompson married (second) Maris Wistar Townsend, of Philadelphia, daughter of Casper W. B. and the late Agnes (Kennedy) Townsend. One daughter was born of this second marriage, Maris Wistar Thompson, on April 25, 1940, in Albany.

ANGELO DI DONNA, M. D.—In 1935 Dr. Angelo Di Donna began the practice of medicine in Schenectady and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of his profession. He occupies an important position among the younger physicians of the city and is prominent in its general life.

Dr. Di Donna was born in Schenectady on May 29, 1907, son of August and Mary (Fasulo) Di Donna, both born in Italy. His father is now deceased. Educated in the public schools of Schenectady, where he was graduated from high school in 1926, Dr. Di Donna afterward entered Union College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1930. He prepared for his profession at Albany Medical College, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1934, and during the following year served as interne at Ellis Hospital. At the end of that time he launched his private practice in Schenectady, which rapidly grew to large proportions. He is today one of the city's most active physicians.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. Di Donna serves as a member of the Schenectady County Health Department. He has been influential in Republican politics since he attained his majority and has served three terms as a member of the Schenectady County Board of Supervisors, from 1929 to 1934, a distinction which he won at a very early age. He is a member of the courtesy staff of Ellis Hospital in Schenectady and a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Schenectady County Medical Society, and serves on the Health Preparedness Committee. Dr. Di Donna is also a member of Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and other fraternal orders, including the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of Columbus and the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity. He is a member of the Schenectady Republican Club, the Columbian League and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. An active Catholic layman, he is prominent in Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish. Baseball is his hobby. Although he is still a young man, he has won distinction in his profession and a position of wide influence in Schenectady.

LYDIA L. KEIL—Since 1928 Lydia L. Keil has served as postmaster of Stuyvesant Falls. In addition to her appointment in the postal service, she is an active civic leader and church worker in Columbia County, which numbers her among its valuable and influential residents.

Miss Keil was born at Stuyvesant Falls, daughter of George Phillip and Elizabeth (Schrader) Keil, both of Stuyvesant Falls. Her father, a fruit farmer, is now deceased. In 1920 he was one of the founders of the German Congregational Church of Stuyvesant Falls and served as deacon and trustee of the church.

Lydia L. Keil was educated in Columbia County public schools, completing the high school course. Since the beginning of her active career she has taken an enlightened interest in county affairs, and is widely known for her work in the church. An accomplished musician, Miss Keil is organist and choir leader of the Stuyvesant Falls Congregational Church and for sixteen years has taught in the junior department of the church Sunday school. She was president of the County Christian Endeavor Society and also treasurer of the Columbia County Choral Club. She is a member of both National and County Postmaster's associations. Her connection with the postal service dates from November 22, 1928, when she received a temporary appointment as postmaster of Stuyvesant Falls. This appointment was confirmed by the Postmaster General on July 28, 1929, and she has continued in office during the intervening years, serving an indefinite term. Miss Keil has met the duties of her position with her customary efficiency and zeal, and the character of her service has brought her a further claim upon the regard of the community in which she has long been a leading figure.

MARTIN T. PURTELL—After long experience in the automotive industry, Martin T. Purtell was appointed in 1940 Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Division of the Treasury. He was born at Elmira, New York, October 31, 1892, son of Martin and Katherine (Callanan) Purtell, both natives of Ireland, his father born in Kilrush, and the mother in Limerick.

Martin T. Purtell was educated in the schools of his birthplace and the Elmira Free Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911. He then was connected with the wholesale liquor business until 1918, when he became a partner in the Mack Auto Supply Company, of Elmira, distributors of automobile supplies. His first important identification with public office was in 1925 when he became chairman of the board of assessors, city of Elmira, a post in which he served effectively to 1936.

Mr. Purtell has been for some years an influential figure in Democratic councils and campaigns. From 1919 to 1929, he was secretary of the Chemung County Democratic Committee; since 1929 he has been chairman of this committee, and has been a member of the New York State Democratic Committee since 1936. During 1937-38 he was finance clerk of the New York State Senate, and in 1939 Mr. Purtell was connected with the Federal Housing Administration. As already mentioned, he has been Deputy Commissioner of Vehicles, New York State Division of the Treasury, since March 1, 1940.

In fraternal and club circles, Mr. Purtell figures prominently. He is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Elmira Lodge, No. 62, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler and Past District Deputy; and the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Elmira Chamber of Commerce, Elmira Automobile Club, the National Aeronautical Association, Soaring Society of America, and St. Patrick's Club of Elmira. His hobbies include politics and American and Irish history.

At Elmira, New York, on November 25, 1925, Martin T. Purtell married Mary Cosgrove, born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Katherine (McGinnis) Cosgrove, both of whom are deceased.

PHILIP L. FORSTER, M. D.—During the greater part of his professional career, Dr. Philip L. Forster has specialized in orthopedic surgery, a branch of medicine in which his experience and record have brought him an established reputation. His practice centers at Albany, where he is also active in various institutional connections.

Dr. Forster was born in London, England, on June 18, 1899, son of Nathan and Minnie (Baisman) Forster, with whom he came to this country in early life. His father, who is now retired, was a merchant in Albany for many years. His mother is deceased.

Educated in the public schools of London and New York City, Philip L. Forster subsequently entered Union College at Schenectady, and was graduated there in 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He prepared for his profession at Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1925, served his interneship at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany and afterward carried on postgraduate work at the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled in New York City, where he was house surgeon during that time. He has since practiced in Albany, bringing to his work as a specialist in orthopedics a native aptitude for surgery and a thorough knowledge of his field.

Dr. Forster is attending orthopedic surgeon, chairman of the staff and director of the Physical Therapy Department at Memorial Hospital in Albany. He is also a director of the New York State Society of Industrial Medicine and a member of the editorial board of the "Journal of Industrial Medicine," a monthly journal devoted to occupational diseases and traumatic surgery. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and a Fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery, distinctions reflecting his professional attainments. He is also a non-resident member of the New York Academy of Medicine. In addition to these connections, Dr. Forster is president of the Albany County Medical Society and a member of the American Medical Association and the New York State Medical Association. He is affiliated fraternally with the Ancient City Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Exchange Club. During the World War, Dr. Forster served with the Student Army Training Corps unit at Union College. He is a member of Temple Beth Emeth in Albany and finds his principal recreation in horseback riding and farming, which are his hobbies.

On December 23, 1937, he married Kip Kirschberg, of Schenectady, daughter of Dr. Bradley H. and Victoria (Kallen) Kirschberg.

CHESTER WOOD—As a member of the Albany law firm of Wiswall, Walton, Wood and MacAffer, Chester Wood continues the career at the bar to which he has devoted himself for more than a quarter of a century. He is a well-known lawyer of the Capital Region, where his professional connections are extensive.

Mr. Wood was born in Troy on November 22, 1887, son of Robert S. and Margaret F. (Toy) Wood. His father, who was born in Wisconsin in 1856 and died on December 27, 1923, was a cost accountant by profession and a stove manufacturer for many years as a partner in the Fuller & Warren Company at Troy. He was also secretary for some years of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers. Margaret F. (Toy) Wood, the mother, was born in New York City and is still living.

Chester Wood was educated in the public schools of Watervliet and Albany and after completing the course at Watervliet High School in 1907, entered Syracuse University. From this institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1911. In 1913 he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Troy, where his interests centered until January, 1920. At the beginning of the year 1920 he became a member of the newly organized Albany law firm of Tobin, Wiswall, Walton and Wood and continued as a member following the reorganization which brought into existence the present firm of Wiswall, Walton, Wood and MacAffer in 1927. This firm are attorneys for the Kingston Trust Company at Kingston, the Saugerties National Bank & Trust Company and various Albany corporations. They carry on a general practice, in which Mr. Wood plays an active part.

In addition to the responsibilities of his private practice Mr. Wood served as corporation counsel of Watervliet from 1919 to 1921. He is a member of the Albany County and New York State Bar associations, the Fort Orange Club of Albany, the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Delta Kappa Epsilon Club in New York City and the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, Free and Accepted Masons, and the higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the Consistory in Albany. During the World War, Mr. Wood enlisted in the United States Army and served as first sergeant of Battery D, 34th Field Artillery, stationed at Camp McClellan, Alabama. He is a member of the Reformed Dutch Church at Watervliet.

On February 22, 1919, Mr. Wood married Grace E. Smith, of Schenectady, daughter of George H. and Emily Ann (Barry) Smith. They are the parents of one son, James, born December 13, 1924, now a student at Peekskill Military Academy.

HENRY JAYNE MILLS—Although trained to the profession of mining engineering and for some years engaged in its practice, Henry Jayne Mills devoted many years of his active career to fruit farming in Columbia County. This interest, originating with his wife's family, was developed by him on an extensive scale. He was a resident of Kinderhook until his death and one of the leading figures in its life.

Mr. Mills was born in Brooklyn, New York, December 13, 1878, son of Stephen H. Mills, a native of this State, and Emily (Jayne) Mills, of Minnesota. Educated at Columbia University, he was graduated from this institution with the degree of Mining Engineer and embarked upon the professional career for which he was splendidly prepared. In 1918, however, shortly after his marriage, he decided to settle at Kinderhook to assume the management of the extensive fruit farm operated by his wife's family for many years. It was Mrs. Mills' father, Lewis Lefferts Morrell, who first introduced the large-scale cultivation of fruit in Columbia County and through his untiring efforts consolidated its many farmers into a great organization. As a result, Columbia County has become one of the foremost fruit growing counties in the State. Mr. Mills turned his characteristic energy and acumen to his new occupation and pursued it successfully until his death. Since that time the farm has been operated by his widow.

In addition to his interests in fruit farming, Mr. Mills was a director of the Union National Bank of Kinderhook and for some years was mayor of the village, a distinction reflecting the position he had won in its life. During his administration as mayor, many progressive projects of direct and lasting value to Kinderhook were initiated.

Mr. Mills served on various boards and committees during the World War period and was a member of a college fraternity and a number of local clubs at Kinderhook. He was also a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1918 he married Alice Lewis Morrell, of Kinderhook, daughter of Lewis Lefferts and Jane E. (Van Alstyne) Morrell. Her mother's family, established here in 1674, is one of the oldest in the county. Mrs. Mills, now active as a fruit grower, has also had a prominent rôle in the civic life of her community and county. She is a director of the Garden Club and for several years was president of the guild. Mr. and Mrs. Mills became the parents of two daughters: Jane, born February 20, 1920, a student at Wheaton College; and Emily, born December 7, 1922, a student at Abbot Academy.

Henry J. Mills died on April 4, 1937. In his twenty years as a resident of Columbia County he contributed much to the progress of his community and greatly endeared himself to its people. Letters of condolence and tribute were received in great numbers at his death, and the many appreciations of his life and work in the county, evidenced the value placed upon his character and career.

HARRY DOUGLAS YATES—Deputy Comptroller Harry Douglas Yates has served New York State since May, 1932, having been exceptionally young to receive appointment to so important a department as that of Audit and Control. He is a native of Buffalo, born July 21, 1903.

The parents of Mr. Yates, Harry and Mary (Duffy) Yates, were both born in Rochester, New York, the former on November 30, 1869, and the latter on October 15, 1875. The father was a prominent business man in Buffalo, identified with banking and the coal, iron and railroad industries. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Thomas Yates, an ancestor, settled in Schoharie County, New York, at the time of the American Revolution, and practiced medicine when there was still danger from Indian marauders.

Harry Douglas Yates was educated in the Franklin and the Nichols schools, Buffalo, being graduated from the latter in June, 1921; and Hamilton College, where as a member of the class of 1925 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. His first employment of note was with the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, of Buffalo, with which he was associated from 1925 to 1932, holding several offices with this institution. In 1932 he was appointed Deputy Comptroller in the Department of Audit and Control, New York State, to succeed Garrett Lansing of Buffalo. His work in this post has been very efficient and has met with approval.

Mr. Yates is a trustee of the Institute of History and Art. He is president and treasurer of Dutch Village, and a member of the Fort Orange Club, Buffalo Club, and Schuyler Meadows Country Club. His college fraternity is Sigma Phi. While a lover of all outdoor sports, tennis is his game. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church.

FRANK A. McNAMEE, Jr.—During the course of his professional career in Albany, Frank A. McNamee, Jr., has been active both at the bar and in the city's general life. He is a member of the prominent law firm of Whalen, McNamee, Creble and Nichols and has broadened the scope of his influence and service through his numerous civic connections.

Mr. McNamee was born in Albany on December 17, 1892, a son of Frank A. and Mary (Prior) McNamee. He was educated at Albany Academy and Williams College and studied law at Harvard Law School. His career was interrupted when the United States entered the World War. Mr. McNamee enlisted early in the war and was commissioned first lieutenant and later captain of Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, Boston. He saw service in France, where he participated in all major engagements of the American Expeditionary Forces, and subsequent service with the Army of Occupation in Germany, a total of two years altogether. For his distinguished army record, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, with silver star, and after the war was commissioned lieutenant-colonel in the field artillery. He returned to his profession following his discharge from the army and has since practiced in Albany. As a member of the law firm of Whalen, McNamee, Creble and Nichols he has a leading part in the important practice of his firm.

In addition to his professional connections, Mr. McNamee is a director of the State Bank of Albany and of G. W. Van Slyke & Horton, Inc. He has been interested in many civic and benevolent institutions and in the cause of education. These interests are reflected in his present service as a trustee of Albany Academy, Albany Hospital for Incurables and Albany Medical College and as a director of Trinity Institute, Inc., and the Albany Legal Aid Society. Mr. McNamee is also active socially. He was president of the Fort Orange Club from 1931 to 1933, has served as vice-president and governor of the Schuyler Meadows Club since 1931 and is a member of the Albany Country Club; the Church Club, Williams Club, National Republican Club and Amateur Ski Club of New York; the Northeast Harbor Golf Club; the Gargoyle Club of Williams College; the Iroquois Club and the Harvard Club of New York. He is affiliated with the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. A prominent Episcopal layman, Mr. McNamee is a vestryman of Trinity Church in Albany.

He married, on July 1, 1930, Mrs. Margaret (Walker) Stuart, who died on January 26, 1936, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Walker. Mr. McNamee has two stepchildren: Barbara Stuart and John Walker Stuart.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL DEARSTINE—In the business world Joseph Campbell Dearstine has made a notable contribution in the city of Schenectady, where he heads the J. C. Dearstine Lumber Company, one of the city's leading enterprises. In past years, as a contractor,

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he has supervised the building of many of the important homes and business edifices in this vicinity.

Mr. Dearstine was born April 25, 1877, in Berne, New York, son of Samuel and Alice (Campbell) Dearstine and member of an old family. His paternal grandfather, Henry L. Dearstine, was an agriculturist, a native of Berne, Albany County, where he was for a considerable period engaged in farming on the West Mountain. He had thirteen children. Samuel Dearstine, Joseph C. Dearstine's father, born April 25, 1847, was engaged in farming operations in Albany and then became a merchant in Schenectady, so continuing until his death October 26, 1926. The mother, Mrs. Alice (Campbell) Dearstine, was born June 3, 1852, in Berne, Albany County, and died July 11, 1925.

Joseph Campbell Dearstine attended school in Berne, his Albany County birthplace, and worked in boyhood on his father's farm. He came to Schenectady in 1899 with the General Electric Company, being employed in their armature department here until 1910. While with them, he set up the first five ten thousand-horse-power generators on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. Then Mr. Dearstine gave six years to the contracting business in Schenectady, building many homes and buildings throughout the district. In his last year in the business he built thirty-two houses, two stores and three garages. From one small building, in 1916, the number of structures grew until there were ten large buildings in his plant, with a lumberyard covering seven acres of ground. Since 1916 he has devoted more and more energy to the development of the lumber side of his business, and his plant today includes not only a main office building, a mill, a dry kiln and other up-to-date features, but also operates six trucks covering a wide area. The firm employs thirty-five people.

Mr. Dearstine is a Democrat in his political views. He belongs to the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce, the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association and Mount Pleasant Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is active in Grace Methodist Church, serving as a trustee and as a member of its official board. To his other interests Mr. Dearstine has added real estate, and he owns approximately 115 homes in Schenectady, as well as three apartment houses. He has done much traveling, notably in California, the Panama Canal Zone, the Southern States and Canada. His major hobby is the making of motion pictures, and he is fond, too, of all kinds of healthful outdoor sport, particularly of boating.

In February, 1898, Joseph Campbell Dearstine married Renie Cummings, of Middleburg, New York, a descendant of Michael Hillegas, first treasurer of the United States, according to family records, and a daughter of Hamilton and Mary (Hillegas) Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Dearstine became the parents of the following children: 1. Henry Lawrence Dearstine, born September 1, 1900, now superintendent of the J. C. Dearstine Lumber Company; he married Bessie Alvord, of Schenectady, New York; they became the parents of one daughter, Helen L. Dearstine, who is now Mrs. Helen L. (Dearstine) Simmons and the mother of one son, David Simmons. 2. Ethel May Dearstine, of Schenectady, wife of Kenneth S. Palen, who is also associated with the J. C. Dearstine Lumber Company as a shipper; the Palens have two children, Phyllis Irene Palen and Lois May Palen. Mrs. Dearstine passed away September 17, 1940.

WILFRID L. J. McDONALD, M. D., M. P. H.—As Commissioner of Health of Columbia County, Dr. Wilfrid L. J. McDonald has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens.

Dr. McDonald was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, in 1909, son of John A. and Alberta (Joslin) McDonald. His father was engaged in farming in Ontario. After finishing his preliminary education in the schools there, Wilfrid L. J. McDonald became a student at the Medical School of Queens University, in Kingston, Ontario, where he was graduated in 1933 as a Doctor of Medicine. From 1933 to 1935 he served an interneship at Memorial Hospital, Albany, New York. Then, until 1937, he was in general practice in Albany, New York, following which he joined the staff of the New York State Department of Health. From September, 1937, to June, 1938, he took postgraduate work at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, in Baltimore, Maryland, where in 1938 he received the degree of Master of Public Health. In that year he went to Glens Falls as Assistant District State Health Officer. In April, 1940, he came to Hudson as Commissioner of Health, and has so continued down to the time of writing. Dr. McDonald is a member of the Columbia County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Asssociation and the American Public Health Association. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1934, in Albany, New York, Dr. Wilfrid L. J. McDonald married Dorothy O'Marah.

WILLIAM A. MALLERY—As sole owner and executive head of the Hillsdale foundry, only enterprise of its kind in Columbia County, William A. Mallery continues the business in which his father was long active and whose origin dates back more than a century. He is a prominent manufacturer of the county and one of its best known civic leaders.

Mr. Mallery was born at Hillsdale on May 18, 1875, son of William A. Mallery, born in Troy, died in 1932, and Mary E. (Lockwood) Mallery, who was born in Claverack and who died in 1916. His father originally acquired the Hillsdale foundry many years ago in an out and out trade for his well-managed farm and operated it as owner during the remainder of his life.

The present William A. Mallery was educated in public schools and academies of Columbia County and early joined his father in the foundry business first established at Hillsdale in 1838, at a location a short way down stream from the present site. The new plant was built following the destruction of the first foundry by a cloud burst. Mr. Mallery learned the business thoroughly under his father and gradually assumed major responsibilities in its operation. Originally and for many years the Hillsdale foundry specialized in the manufacture of hand-operated plows, but with the advent of the tractor this specialization was discontinued and a general type of foundry business was developed and has since been maintained by the present owner, who succeeded his father in control of the enterprise. At one time or another the Mallerys bought out completely more than twenty other small foundries in this section of the State. For some years their foundry has been the only one operating in Columbia County and its products are distributed throughout an area extending into neighboring counties for upwards of one hundred miles from Hillsdale.

In addition to his foundry interests, Mr. Mallery was for many years a director of the Hudson Trust Company. He has also a long record of activity in civic affairs and public life. For three years he served as town clerk of Hillsdale and for ten years was supervisor of the town, during which period he was for several years chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. During the administration of Governor Glynn he was called to a wider sphere of public service with his appointment as active head of twenty-one charitable institutions of the State, with headquarters at Albany. During a tenure of five years in this post he achieved a notable administrative record. Mr. Mallery has held other official positions from time to tim and has had an important rôle in virtually all communit enterprises at Hillsdale. He served as a Presidential Elector at the time Woodrow Wilson was elected President in 1912. He is a prominent Mason, being Past Master of his Blue Lodge and a member of all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar and the Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is also a member of Oriental Temple of the Shrine, the Past Masters' Association and the local Grange.

In 1915 he married Clara S. Sweet, of Kinderhook.

EDWARD C. STURGES—For more than twenty years, Edward C. Sturges has been associated with the State Department of Taxation and Finance. A lawyer by profession and an authority on taxation matters, he is now deputy commissioner and director of the Mortgage Tax Bureau.

Mr. Sturges was born at Knowersville, now Altamont, Albany County, on January 30, 1878, son of Nathaniel A. and Isabel (Davis) Sturges. His father, who was born in the town of Knox on October 30, 1848, and died on May 12, 1912, was a jeweler at Altamont and for some years tax collector. His mother was born at Duanesburgh on February 18, 1851.

Edward C. Sturges received his general education in the district school at Altamont, attended Albany Business College and later prepared for the profession of law at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated in 1900, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New York bar in 1901, he began practice with former Congressman John M. Bailey, with whom he was associated as a member of the firm of Bailey and Sturges from 1901 to 1905. At the end of that time he launched the independent general law practice, which he continued in Albany until June, 1918. Although he never limited his professional activities, Mr. Sturges did much work on taxation matters and from 1909 to 1912, served as transfer tax appraiser for Albany County. On June 15, 1918, he was appointed mortgage tax examiner under the State Department of Taxation and Finance and relinquished his private practice to devote himself entirely to the State's business. In 1921 he became assistant to the deputy commissioner of taxation and finance, Ralph E. Thompson, and continued as such until he himself was appointed deputy commissioner in 1926. Since that time he has been director of the Mortgage Tax Bureau in the Division of Taxation, a post to which he brings the requisite technical qualifications and a thorough knowledge of the division's work.

Mr. Sturges, who is a Republican in politics, is past trustee and past clerk of the village of Altamont and a former member of the school board there. His present residence is in Duanesburgh. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order, is a member of the Unitarian Church in Albany and finds his principal recreation in farming and raising sheep.

On March 20, 1909, at Troy, Mr. Sturges married Hila F. Scott, born at Lansingburgh, October 18, 1882, daughter of Andrew A. and Libbie D. (Filley) Scott. Her father, a Canadian by birth, was long active in the life of Troy and at one time served as president *pro tem* of the Troy Common Council. Her mother was born at Kane, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sturges are the parents of five children: Naomi, now Mrs. Wilbur, born April 19, 1910; Donald G., born October 18, 1911; Stuart, born July 1, 1913; Allan, born May 8, 1915; and Nadine, born October 5, 1919.

MARTIN EDWARD McNULTY—Many years of service in the Division of the Treasury of New York State have prepared Martin Edward McNulty for his presen work in Albany as assistant director of finance in this department. His division is one of the important agencies of State Government, having under its jurisdiction the custody of funds received by the State, among which are the general fund, the canal, teachers' retirement, unemployment insurance, State insurance, employees' retirement and other miscellaneous revenues. With the comptroller, this division also has joint custody of all collateral and investment securities held by the State, covering bank deposits and investments of State funds.

Mr. McNulty was born August 25, 1902, at Green Island, New York, son of Michael J. and Mary (O'Brien) McNulty, both natives of Ireland who came to this country at an early age. The father was born May 12, 1863, the mother February 10, 1868. The elder Mr. McNulty was employed for years in the Court of Appeals Building, and was at one time president of the Board of Health at Green Island. He was a Democrat in his political views.

Green Island public schools provided Martin Edward McNulty's early education; he was graduated from La Salle Institute High School, at Troy, in 1920. Spending two years at college, he attended Fordham University, New York City, and Albany Law School. On November 13, 1924, Mr. McNulty began his long and valuable servce to the State, accepting a position as license clerk in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. He was assigned at that time o take charge of the newly created bonding division, Albany district office. The work of this office comprised nineteen counties at that period, and Mr. McNulty had executive and administrative power and authority in carrying out the functions of the office. He aided materially in organizing the division, which comprised licensing operaions and approving all bonds and insurance policies filed by insurance and bonding companies with the bureau in behalf of taxi and bus owners. In connection with his duties Mr. McNulty studied evenings, pursuing a six months extramural course in office organization and mangement given by Professor George York, of State Colege. This course was given by New York University in onnection with the educational policies of the State Civil Service Employees Association at that time.

On January 17, 1927, Mr. McNulty was promoted to ashier of the division of finance, and so entered the State Treasurer's office. Under the law governing reclassificaion of titles in 1932, the title of cashier was reclassified to that of principal account clerk. Mr. McNulty's duties as cashier and principal account clerk were numerous and involved a great deal of detail. He was required to record and keep ledger accounts of athletic taxes received from athletic clubs in lieu of boxing and wrestling bouts, as well as of the collection of notarial fees from county clerks throughout New York State. He had charge, too, of depositing all State Treasury moneys with local commercial banks and of reconciling book and bank balances of at least twelve Treasury sole custodianship funds. Mr. McNulty also prepared for publication, in the "State Bulletin" each month, a record of all deposit and balance changes in some seven hundred banks designated as State depositories.

Mr. McNulty, after distinguishing himself in these intricate services, was promoted, in August, 1933, to head account clerk to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of John J. Caldwell. Not only was he qualified for this post by civil service examination, but he was designated by Major Frank S. Harris, deputy commissioner of taxation and finance and head of the Division of the Treasury, as his executive and administrative assistant, with the result that he was given immediate supervision over thirty employees in the Treasury proper, which, since then, due to new pre-audit procedure, have increased to approximately fifty employees. Duties in the Treasury proper also included responsibility for developing administrative policies and procedure, in relation to State finance matters.

The Division of the Treasury, as Mr. McNulty points out, has been called a "twin" of the State comptroller's office regarding matters relating to the guardianship of moneys received by the State and the disbursements of money made by the State. It also collects and has jurisdiction over the racing tax and court and stenographers' tax. Since all tax collection moneys eventually reach the Treasury, it is essential that employees with responsible positions have some knowledge of the working of tax laws, especially as they relate to State finances. The Division of the Treasury has under its jurisdiction the work of the Treasury Unemployment Insurance Benefit Unit, pari-mutuel tax, and stock transfer tax. Mr. McNulty's practical working knowledge and experience in every phase of the bond, receipt and payment functions in the Treasury (proper) well equip him for his present service.

During the year 1938 he qualified in a Civil Service promotion examination for the title of assistant director of finance. Because of the nature and responsibilities of his duties the State Civil Service Board changed his title from head account clerk to assistant director of finance, effective July 1, 1940. His many years of service in the Department of Taxation and Finance, or State Tax Department, as it is sometimes known, have established him in a solid and substantial position in the State Government organization, a position based on knowledge and experience alone. He has interested himself intensely in Albany's civic and social life, and is fond, in leisure moments, of all kinds of healthful sports, notably golf, bowling, baseball and other games. He is a member of St. Theresa's

Roman Catholic Church, in Albany, the La Salle Institute Alumni Association of Troy, New York, and the State Civil Service Employees Association.

In Cohoes, New York, June 26, 1935, Martin Edward McNulty married Catherine A. Mahony, who was born in Cohoes, daughter of Thomas and Anna (O'Connell) Mahony, both natives of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. McNulty are the parents of a son: Brien Thomas McNulty, born February 22, 1939, in Albany.

WILLIAM CARL TREDER, M. D.—In his active professional career, Dr. William Carl Treder has combined the practice of medicine with varied public service which has brought him several public offices in the Schenectady area. He is now commissioner of health of the city of Schenectady, having filled this position since 1937.

Dr. Treder was born in Albany on October 29, 1880, son of Rudolph and Emma (Helwig) Treder. His father, who was born in Germany in 1848, came to this country in 1872, when he was mustered out of the Prussian Army following the Franco-Prussian War. Rudolph Treder was a tailor by occupation and followed this trade at Albany until his retirement; he died on May 5, 1933. Emma (Helwig) Treder was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1852 and died on June 14, 1914.

William Carl Treder was educated in the public schools of Albany, where he completed the high school course in 1898, and at Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1904. He prepared for his profession at Union College, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1907, and after serving his interneship at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, in 1907-1908, was appointed instructor in pathology and bacteriology at Syracuse University Medical College, where he remained in 1908-09. In the latter year he became assistant bacteriologist in the City Department of Health at Syracuse, but in 1910 relinquished this position to begin the general practice of medicine at Scotia, New York, which he has since continued.

Along with his practice, Dr. Treder has also assumed the duties of various public positions. He was coroner's physician of Schenectady County in 1920-21 and was elected coroner in 1921. In this office he served six consecutive terms, resigning in February, 1937, to accept his present appointment as commissioner of health of the city of Schenectady, a post to which he brings acknowledged qualifications derived from his professional attainments and experience in public service.

Dr. Treder was also a member of the Board of Education of Union Free School District No. 2, Town of Glenville, from 1921 through 1930, and was president of that board from 1927 through 1930. From 1912 through 1936, he was health officer of the town of Glenville. He is a member of the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society, American Public Health Association, Schenectady County Medical Society and various non-professional organizations, including Scotia Rotary Club, the Improved Order of Red Men, Woodmen of the World, Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Benkendahl Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Scotia. In the Masonic Order he is also a member of various higher bodies: the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Albany; the Grotto and Oriental Temple of the Shrine in Troy. In addition to these connections, Dr. Treder is a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican in politics.

On April 20, 1910, William Carl Treder married Anna L. Leonard, of Chittenango, New York. They have two children: Fred H., now a student at Union College; and Jean Ann, who is attending the University of Maryland.

NEIL KIRK WHITE—As superintendent of the Lansingburgh public schools, Neil Kirk White continues his long association with the school system of this community. He has devoted his entire career to education and has served in his present office during the past thirty years.

Mr. White was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on July 11, 1872, son of Alexander C. and Jemima D. (Gageby) White. His father, who was also born in Johnstown, was a steel worker.

Neil Kirk White spent his boyhood in Youngstown, Ohio, where he attended the public schools. After completing the seventh grade, he left school to enter the carriage building business and served an apprenticeship as an upholsterer in this trade, a vocation he followed for four years. At the end of this time he returned to school, was graduated from Rayen High School in Youngstown and subsequently entered Hamilton College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898. In 1912 he also received from this institution the degree of Master of Arts.

Meanwhile, his professional career was well under way In 1898-99 Mr. White served as principal of the village school at Cape Vincent, New York, and during the following three years was principal of the high school in Albion From 1902 to 1905 he was principal of the Boonville High School, resigning to come to Lansingburgh. After serving as principal of Lansingburgh High School from 1905 to 1911, he was elected superintendent of schools and has since served as administrative head of the local public school system. His tenure here, as principal and superintendent, covers thirty-five years, a period which has witnessed a substantial development of the school system. Much of this development has taken place under his leadership.

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Mr. White is a member of the Council of School Superintendents of New York State, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association and other professional organizations. He has been active in the civic life of the Lansingburgh community and in supporting its principal institutions. The Young Men's Christian Association has been one of his special interests. He is a past director of the Lansingburgh "Y" and at present a director of the Troy organization. Fraternally, Mr. White is affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, Free and Accepted Masons, at Lansingburgh and with Hamilton College Chapter of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he serves as trustee and elder of the Lansingburgh Presbyterian Church.

In 1903, at Cape Vincent, New York, Mr. White married Jennie E. Scobell, daughter of John Albert and Jennie M. (Wickam) Scobell. They are the parents of two children: 1. Christine Scobell, who was graduated from Simmons College with the degree of Bachelor of Science, took the degree of Master of Science at Columbia University and is now instructor in home economics at Oyster Bay, Long Island. 2. Albert Kirk, who was graduated from Hamilton College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932 and carried on graduate work in the foreign consular service department at Georgetown University leading to the degree of Master of Science, which he received in 1934. He is now associated with the Bankers Trust Company in New York City and resides in New York City. In 1936 he married Florence Babbitt, of Bloomfield, New Jersey.

ROBERT EDWARD PLUNKETT, M. D.—Associated with the New York State Health Department, at Albany, as general superintendent of tuberculosis hospitals in the State, Robert Edward Plunkett is a leading authority in his specialty. He is widely known for his investigations and writings, as well as for his professional work, along these lines, and for his constructive civic activities in the Albany district and particularly in Troy, where he makes his home.

Dr. Plunkett was born August 2, 1889, in Troy, New York, son of John D. and Elizabeth (Purcell) Plunkett. His father is now deceased.

Dr. Robert Edward Plunkett attended St. Augustine's Academy, in Troy, and in 1913 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Albany Medical College. There followed a period of general practice at Whitehall, New York, from 1914 to 1917. He then became first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps, in which he was elevated to the major's rank in 1920. From 1920 to 1923 he was again engaged in general practice in Whitehall until he became associated with the New York State Department of Health. In 1923, becoming so connected, he began his service as clinic physician specializing in tuberculosis, so continuing until 1925. For the next ten years he was director of the division of tuberculosis of the department. Then, in 1935, he was promoted to his present departmental post as general superintendent of tuberculosis hospitals.

His services along these lines have been highly valuable, and from time to time he has received assignments that have taken him to important professional gatherings in this country and abroad. In 1927 he was the United States delegate to the Pan-American Conference on Tuberculosis, held at Cordoba, Argentina; and in 1935 he became a delegate of this country to the meeting of the International Union against Tuberculosis, at Lisbon, Portugal. In 1938 as consultant for the United States Public Health Service and the California State Department of Health he made a special study of tuberculosis control in Los Angeles County, California. In 1940 he made a special study of tuberculosis problems throughout the Dominican Republic. His World War service, from 1917 to 1920, included activity as special examiner in tuberculosis in several military camps and two general hospitals.

In 1922 Dr. Plunkett was coroner of Washington County, so serving while living in Whitehall. He is a member of the boards of trustees of Potts Memorial Hospital, in Livingston, New York, and of Russell Sage College, in Troy, as well as an executive board member of the Russell Sage College School of Nursing. Other professional affiliations are with the American Trudeau Society, the American Public Health Association, the State Association of Superintendents and Managers of Tuberculosis Sanatoria (of which he is secretary), the National Tuberculosis Association (in which he is a director-at-large), the International Union against Tuberculosis, the Rensselaer County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Since 1938 Dr. Plunkett has been president of the Lansingburgh Boys' Club, and in 1940 he headed the Troy Community Chest. He is also a member of the board of governors of the Troy Country Club. He belongs to the Catholic Church. To his other activities Dr. Plunkett has added considerable research work, and his reports on these investigations and his many administrative studies relating to different phases of tuberculosis and public health practice have proven edifying to the profession.

Dr. Robert E. Plunkett married, June 16, 1915, in Troy, New York, Rose Wilson, daughter of William F. and Anna (Duchaine) Wilson. They became the parents of two children: 1. Marion, born April 13, 1919. 2. Robert Wilson, born March 29, 1924.

CORNELIUS H. EVANS, Jr.—For many years connected with the Evans Brewery, in Hudson, Cornelius H. Evans, Jr., has been living since the time of his disposal of that business, in 1917, in retirement in this city.

Mr. Evans was born October 26, 1866, in Hudson, New York, son of Cornelius H. and Imogene (Groat) Evans. His father and grandfather were engaged in the brewery business before him, having operated the Evans Brewery, in Hudson, and for many years owned it, until his father's death in 1902. The younger Cornelius H. Evans, after completing his studies in the Hudson schools and the De Garmo Institute, became connected with his father's business. At the elder man's death, in 1902, he and his brother, Robert W. Evans, became sole owners of the enterprise. Then he sold his interest in it to his brother, Robert Evans.

Living retired in Hudson since 1917, Cornelius H. Evans, Jr., is active in many local affairs, belonging to the Columbia County Country Club, the Florida Surf and Sun Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, being the oldest Past Master of the Commandery now living. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Hudson, New York, Cornelius H. Evans, Jr., married (first) Bessie Brown, who died in 1910; and (second) her sister, Helen Brown, who died in May, 1940. The Evans children are: 1. Imogene. 2. Roland Brown, owner of the Evans Travel Bureau, of Hudson.

BERT H. BROWER—One of Canajoharie's leading professional men, Bert H. Brower is engaged here in the practice of law.

Mr. Brower was born June 25, 1883, in Palatine, Montgomery County, New York, son of Herman and Margaret (Schuyler) Brower. His family, on the paternal side, is of Dutch origin. The paternal grandparents were Herman and Margaret (Spoar) Brower, and the Spoars were also Dutch. On the maternal side of the house, Bert H. Brower's grandparents were Hamilton and Magdalene (Nare) Schuyler, both members of old families in the Mohawk Valley. The Schuylers were of the same line as that of General Philip Schuyler, of Revolutionary fame, and also trace their ancestry to the line from which Alexander Hamilton sprang. Herman Brower, Bert H. Brower's father, was born in Palatine on August 18, 1844, and died there August 18, 1923. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Bert H. Brower attended schools in Palatine, his birthplace, and was graduated in 1900 from Palatine High School and in 1902 from the teachers' training class. For two years he taught a district school, and in 1904 he entered Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908. In the winter of 1908 and 1909 he was vice-principal of the Lowville Academy, in Lewis County, New York. Then he entered the Albany Law School, from which he was graduated in June, 1911. In that same year he was admitted to the bar and began his practice of law.

In Canajoharie, where he has remained down to the time of writing, Mr. Brower has interested himself in a wide variety of activities. From 1921 to 1936 he served as referee in bankruptcy. From 1936 to 1937 he was judge of the Montgomery County Children's Court. He is a director of the National Sprakers Bank, of Canajoharie, and as vice-president of the Canajoharie Board of Education he has contributed notably to the advancement of learning in his community. During the World War, Mr. Brower was a member of many important committees, including the Liberty Loan, Red Cross and Young Men's Christian Association drives, and served as first sergeant of Company D, 2d Infantry Regiment, New York Guards. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men, Palatine Union Grange, the Gamma Eta Gamma fraternity, the Fort Rensselaer Club and the Reformed Church of America. He was formerly a trustee of his church. He and Mrs. Brower are Democrats.

On October 11, 1915, at Canajoharie, New York, Bert H. Brower married Margaret Wheelock, who was born May 4, 1886, daughter of Charles F. and Mary (Finehout) Wheelock. Mrs. Brower was formerly the regent of the Canajoharie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has rendered valuable service as secretary of the Colonial Club and New York State Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a member of the Reformed Church and a former secretary of the women's society of that church. Mr. and Mrs. Brower are the parents of one daughter, Mary Wheelock Brower, who was born December 22, 1917. She graduated from the School of Speech of Northwestern University in 1939.

GEORGE WOOLVERTON STEDMAN—As a lawyer of long experience and distinguished record, George Woolverton Stedman occupies a prominent place at the Albany bar. He was born in this city on September 9, 1864, and has been influential in many phases of its life since he began his active career.

Mr. Stedman is a son of George L. Stedman, who was also an Albany lawyer, and of Adda M. (Woolverton) Stedman. He received his preliminary education in the Loudonville Union Free School and at Albany Academy, from which he was graduated in 1882, and subsequently

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studied at the University of Rochester, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1885 and the degree of Master of Science in 1887. Meanwhile, he prepared for his chosen profession at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1887. Since that time he has actively devoted himself to his responsibilities as a lawyer, in the course of which he has successfully represented many important interests.

In addition to his purely professional connections, Mr. Stedman has been a director of the Park Bank, the Union Trust Company, the National Exchange Bank, the First National Bank, the First Trust Company and the Morris Plan Industrial Bank, all in Albany, and a trustee of the Home Savings Bank, also an Albany institution. In 1898 he represented this district in the New York State Assembly. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club and Albany Country Club, is affiliated with the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities and has been associated from time to time with many of the principal civic enterprises of his community. Mr. Stedman is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany.

He married, at Loudonville, on June 18, 1898, Harriet T. Mather, daughter of Adrian C. and Sarah (Whitford) Mather. Mr. and Mrs. Stedman became the parents of one son, George Woolverton, Jr., born September 28, 1900.

JOHN ALEXANDER—Since he became a member of the New York bar more than thirty years ago, John Alexander has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He is now serving as Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, an office to which he was elected following earlier experience on the city and county benches at Schenectady.

Justice Alexander was born in Schenectady on June 15, 1883, son of James B. and Lucy G. (Lansing) Alexander. His father, who was born at West Charlton, Saratoga County, on November 27, 1853, and who died on July 3, 1904, was county clerk of Schenectady County for nineteen years and an active figure in Republican politics. Lucy G. (Lansing) Alexander, the mother, was born at Niskayuna, Schenectady County, in 1859 and is still living.

John Alexander was educated in the public schools of Schenectady and at Williams College, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1907. He prepared for his profession at New York Law School, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws, *cum laude*, in 1909, and in the same year was admitted to the New York bar. During the following two years he was engaged in the practice of law in New York City. In 1911 he returned to Schenectady and devoted himself to professional responsibilities in this city, with intervals of public service, until 1931. Justice Alexander was assistant district attorney of Schenectady County in 1916-17. From 1918 to 1922 he was police justice of the city of Schenectady and from 1923 to 1930 was county judge of Schenectady County. In 1931 he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and is now serving a fourteen-year term on the Supreme Court bench. As an experienced judge and lawyer he has the confidence of the bar and the public.

In 1938, Justice Alexander was also a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention held in Albany. He is a director of the Citizens Trust Company of Schenectady and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, at Schenectady, the Royal Arch Chapter; the Commandery, Knights Templar, and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In addition to these connections, he is affiliated with Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Justice Alexander is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady. He is fond of outdoor life, finding his principal recreation in gardening and horseback riding, and owns and cultivates a 160-acre farm at West Charlton, Saratoga County.

Justice Alexander married, in 1912, Agnes Russell, of Dunkirk, New York, daughter of David and Anna Russell. She died on December 8, 1934, leaving one son, Robert C., born November 23, 1914, a graduate of Colgate University in the class of 1935. On March 8, 1935, Justice Alexander married (second) Elizabeth Mullen, of Schenectady, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bolger) Mullen, of Amsterdam.

GEORGE WILLIAM McEWAN—Since 1938 George William McEwan has been vice-president and secretary of the Morris Plan Industrial Bank, of Albany. His contribution to business and financial life in the Capital Region has been a distinctive one, and his affiliations and activities are both numerous and valuable.

Mr. McEwan was born June 11, 1882, in Albany, New York, son of Walter and Abby Stuart (McKissick) McEwan. His father, who came to this country from Glasgow, Scotland, was a wholesale grocer. The mother was born in Albany.

Albany Academy provided George William McEwan's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1901. From that year until 1928 he was a wholesale grocer here, serving as president of the company from 1910 onward until the end of that period. Finally he sold his holdings in 1928 and entered the general insurance business in association with J. E. Poole & Company. That association continued for ten years until, in 1938, he formed his connection with the Morris Plan Industrial Bank, in Albany, where he now serves as vice-president and secretary and is one of the bank's trusted and honored officials. He is also secretary and a trustee of the Home Savings Bank, in Albany, and a director of the Albany Insurance Company and the Schuyler Hudson Automobile Corporation, in the capital city.

To his other responsibilities Mr. McEwan has added a trusteeship in the Albany Rural Cemetery and one in Memorial Hospital, making a notable contribution of service to these Albany institutions. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Country Club, the Albany Rotary Club, the Schuyler Meadows Club and St. Andrew's Society, and is a past president of both the Fort Orange and Rotary clubs. He is a member, too, of Masters Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany.

George William McEwan married, April 21, 1908, in Albany, New York, Gertrude M. Peck, daughter of Samuel S. and Susan F. (Marsh) Peck. Mr. and Mrs. McEwan became the parents of a son, William Starr McEwan, who was born June 7, 1913.

WARREN SCOTT—As postmaster of Canajoharie, Warren Scott has for several years occupied a position of leadership in the life of his community. Before taking this position, he was active in newspaper work.

Mr. Scott was born April 12, 1889, in Brooklyn, New York, son of James and Alice (Warren) Scott, both natives of New York State. Both parents are now deceased. The father operated a restaurant at Avon, New Jersey, and was a Democrat. The ancestry of Warren Scott has been traced back to an early period, according to family records, dating to Robert Morris.

Public schools of Ames, New York, furnished Warren Scott's early formal schooling, and he was graduated in 1907 from Canajoharie High School. He then taught school for a year at the town of Florida, New York, and for a year at Flat Creek, this State. Taking up newspaper work at an early age, he conducted the "Canajoharie Radii," a weekly newspaper, whose editor and publisher he was until 1917. Afterward he was engaged for several years in the job printing business, so continuing until 1936, the year of his first appointment as postmaster of Canajoharie. Named postmaster for a four-year term, Mr. Scott was reappointed in 1940. The post office here is a first-class one, and Mr. Scott has done much to increase its efficiency and standing.

Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member of the National Association of Postmasters and of other organizations. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar Commandery in Little Falls, and other branches of the fraternity. He is active in the affairs of the Methodist Church. In spare time Mr. Scott enjoys healthful recreations, and is particularly fond of bowling.

In Canajoharie, New York, June 28, 1911, Warren Scott married Ella Van Evera, a native of Fultonville, this State, where she was born July 24, 1890, daughter of Peter F. and Emma (Gardinier) Van Evera, both likewise natives of Fultonville, where her father was born in 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Scott became the parents of a son, Peter F. Scott, who was born in Canajoharie and is at the time of writing in his senior year at Dartmouth College.

LELAND EDELMAN—Recognized as one of Hillsdale's foremost citizens and business men, Leland Edelman operates the Hillsdale Garage and is agent in the Hillsdale-Copake area for the Dodge and Plymouth cars.

Mr. Edelman was born in this district of New York State, October 19, 1906. His father, Jacob Edelman, now deceased, was a blacksmith in Hillsdale at the time of his passing. The mother is Mrs. Harriet Edelman.

Copake and Millerton schools provided Leland Edelman's early formal education, and he started his present business as an employee of the Copake Garage, so continuing from 1928 to October, 1929. At that time he bought the Hillsdale Garage, which he has operated down to the time of writing under his own name. He is agent in Copake and Hillsdale for the Dodge and Plymouth cars, doing an extensive business and operating a complete sales and service agency. He has sold more than one hundred new and used cars in the 1940 summer season, and is recognized as one of the progressive and forward-looking business men here. He is a member of the Grange and the Volunteer Firemen's Association and belongs to the Methodist Church.

In 1928, in Hillsdale, New York, Leland Edelman married Jessie Hotaling. Their children are: 1. Leland Edelman, Jr., born in 1929. 2. Robert Edelman, born in 1930. 3. Harriet Edelman, born in 1932.

MRS. CARRIE MILLIE (PHELPS) BAME—As postmaster of North Chatham, Mrs. Carrie Millie (Phelps) Bame has effectively served her community and district. Her participation in civic and social affairs, coupled with

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her lifelong residence in this vicinity of New York State, has won for her a wide popularity.

Mrs. Bame was born in Kinderhook, New York, daughter of Jones W. and Millie H. (Coon) Phelps. Public schools of Kinderhook furnished her early education, and she spent twelve years in early life in the management of a large Connecticut estate. She then became assistant to North Chatham's postmaster, who was then Mrs. J. Harder. In January, 1934, Mrs. Bame herself was made acting postmaster, and on September 5, 1935, she was appointed postmaster for an indefinite term.

Mrs. Bame is a member of the Columbia County Postmasters' Association, the New York State Postmasters' Association and the National Postmasters' Association. She not only held membership in the Reformed Church but was a primary teacher in the Sunday school at Kinderhook as well as an active leader in church affairs. She has a deep interest in Columbia County, where she has spent so many years, and has delved into the history of the district in a more than superficial way.

In 1898 she was married to Sylvester G. Bame, son of John L. and Margaret (Shufelt) Bame. His father is now deceased. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bame took place in Kinderhook.

DUDLEY TOLL HILL—A career in journalism and the law has brought Dudley Toll Hill to the fore in Schenectady, where he has been managing editor of the "Gazette" since 1911.

Mr. Hill was born December 11, 1883, in Albany, New York, son of Erastus Dudley and Mary Grace (Toll) Hill. His father was engaged in the saddlery hardware business.

Dudley Toll Hill attended the Union Classical Institute (now Schenectady High School), where he was graduated in 1903. Four years later, in 1907, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Union College, and in 1909 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School. He has carried on some work in the law down to the time of writing, combining it with his journalistic endeavors. In 1909 and 1910 he was managing editor of the "Evening Star," assuming the managing editorship of the "Schenectady Gazette" in 1911 and continuing it down to the present. He is a director of the Schenectady County Bar Association and a leader in both his professions, as well as in many branches of civic and public affairs.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Hill has held a number of political offices. From 1916 to 1919 he was a justice of the peace of the town of Glenville, Schenectady County. In 1922 and 1923 he was auditor of this county, and in 1924 and 1925 served as supervisor of the town of Glenville. In 1930 Mr. Hill became a member of the New York State Census Commission. In 1941 he was made vice-chairman of the Schenectady County Defense Council. He is a director of the Scotia Rotary Club and a member of the Schenectady County Democratic Club. In 1909 and 1910 he was grand president of the national high school fraternity of Pi Phi, and he belongs also to the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, which he joined at Union College, and the Phi Delta Phi, with which he affiliated at Albany Law School. Other fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with the Knights Templar Commandery and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Although Mr. Hill himself is not a church member, all his family are Lutherans.

Dudley Toll Hill married, December 11, 1912, in Schenectady, New York, Anne Wilhelmina Scheurer, daughter of Albert and Anna (Blickle) Scheurer. Mr. and Mrs. Hill became the parents of three children: 1. Anita Elizabeth Hill, born March 31, 1915. 2. Philip Toll Hill, 2d, born March 20, 1918. 3. Albert Karel Hill, born January 17, 1924.

WALTER STANTON WOOD—In both business activity and public service, Walter Stanton Wood has distinguished himself in the life of Schenectady. He is president of the Walter S. Wood Coal Company, in this city, and is also Commissioner of Public Welfare of Schenectady County, with offices in the courthouse here.

Mr. Wood was born May 3, 1876, in Albany County, New York, son of Chauncey Benjamin and Naomi (Williamson) Wood, both natives of New York State, the father of Schoharie County and the mother of Albany County. The father, who died in 1910, was a teacher for many years, and later was associated with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady.

Public schools of Schenectady County provided Walter Stanton Wood's early education. He came here at the age of four years with his parents. After attending the county schools, he moved into the city of Schenectady when he was eighteen years old, and for fourteen years was associated with the General Electric Company, serving in their armature department, part of the time as assistant foreman. In 1910 he started in the retail coal business in Schenectady, operating the Walter S. Wood Coal Company and serving as its president. He continues today in this same position, with headquarters in Catalyn Street, Schenectady.

Politically Mr. Wood is a Republican. He served for four years as an alderman representing the Tenth Ward of the city. Later he became the city's Commissioner of Public Welfare, continuing in that office for four years. Then, for two years, Mr. Wood was Commissioner of Public Works of the city, and for two years he was

Director of Public Service of the city. Elected County Commissioner of Public Welfare, he took office in January, 1938, for a three-year term, and continues to serve in this capacity down to the time of writing. Fraternally Mr. Wood is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order his affiliations are with St. George's Lodge, the Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (in which he holds the thirty-second degree), and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Troy. Mr. Wood is a member of Bellevue Reformed Church.

On September 18, 1895, Walter Stanton Wood married Ada Ostrander, of Albany County, New York, daughter of William and Margaret Ostrander. They became the parents of two children: 1. Charles William Wood, who married Helen Livingston, of Schenectady; they have two sons: John R. and Walter Stanton. 2. Grace N. Wood, wife of Seward S. Armstrong, of Lynn, Massachusetts; they have two sons: Richard and Roger.

ROBERT MORRIS, Jr.—Engaged in business for many years in Troy, Robert Morris, Jr., is one of the city's best known funeral directors. His rôle in the life of his city has been a consistently constructive one, and his services along many and varied lines of activity have brought him wide respect and admiration.

Mr. Morris was born August 13, 1897, in Troy, New York, son of the late Robert and Augusta (Vossmerbaumer) Morris. His father, also engaged for years in the undertaking business until his death on November 14, 1928, was referred to editorially at that time as one of Troy's "most influential and prominent citizens." He was a member of the Ninth Presbyterian Church and president of the board of trustees for twenty-five years. He was in business more than thirty years, and through that period became a friend to many Troy people, particularly because of his gift for helping them in times of trouble. He was active in the New York State Embalmers' Association, a director of the Troy Trust Company, president of the old Bussey Steamer Company, a leader in the Exempt Firemen's Association through the period of its existence, and a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Troy Automobile Club, the Republican Club, the Burns Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he was a member and Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge and a member of Apollo Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Bloss Council of Royal and Select Masters, Apollo Commandery of Knights Templar, Delta Lodge of Perfection, Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, Albany Sovereign Consistory of the Scottish Rite branch of Masonry, the Troy Masonic Club, Iran Grotto of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, Iran Grotto Patrol, Oriental Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Past Masters' Association of the old Seventeenth District (of which he was the first president many years ago). Mr. Morris was also a trustee of the Masonic Temple Association and a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association, as well as grand representative to the Grand Lodge. He and Augusta (Vossmerbaumer) Morris, who still lives in Troy, were the parents of two sons who survived them: 1. Robert Morris, Jr., of further mention. 2. John W. Morris, of Fultonville, New York.

Robert Morris, Jr., attended public schools in Troy, Peekskill Military Academy and Albany Business College. He early associated himself in the undertaking business with his father in the firm known as Robert Morris & Sons, so continuing as a partner until the elder Mr. Morris' death. This firm was established in 1892 as the house of Morris & Harden, at No. 551 Jacob Street, Troy. The partnership was dissolved after two years, however, when the elder Mr. Morris carried on the business at new quarters, No. 601 Jacob Street. In 1902 the firm removed to No. 2174 Fifth Avenue, Troy, where it is still conducted by Robert Morris, Jr., as the Morris Funeral Home. Between 1922 and 1940 the enterprise was known as Robert Morris & Sons. Then, in January, 1940, Mr. Morris reorganized it as the Morris Funeral Home, of which he is today the sole owner.

Quite aside from his activities in the conduct of this firm, Mr. Morris is active in the New York State Embalmers' Association. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to all the branches of the order with which his father was affiliated. He is a member also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. During the World War he served overseas with Company A, 105th Infantry Regiment. He is a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church, of Troy.

In Troy, New York, October 1, 1919, Robert Morris, Jr., married Anna Ruoff, daughter of George J. Ruoff. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charlotte Marie Morris, born in September, 1920, a sophomore at the time of writing at Russell Sage College and a graduate of the Emma Willard School. 2. Margaret Ann Morris, born in September, 1923, also a graduate of the Emma Willard School.

JUSTIN T. MAHONEY—Since 1938 Justin T. Mahoney has served as assistant director of the Fish and Game Division of the State Conservation Department, with headquarters in Albany. Mr. Mahoney makes his home in Troy, his birthplace.

He was born April 11, 1888, son of Justin and Catherine (Curnen) Mahoney, both natives of Ireland. The father, who is now deceased, was for years a member of the Police Department of Troy, and was a prominent Democrat.

Public schools of Troy provided Justin T. Mahoney's early formal education. From 1909 to 1911 he was with the Mahoney Manufacturing Company. He then became active in the employ of the State of New York, acting as secretary to the Codification Commission in 1911 and afterward entering the Conservation Department. After beginning as a stenographer, he became record and penalty clerk, then superintendent of inland fisheries. In 1938 he was made assistant director of the Fish and Game Division of the department, and he has so continued down to the time of writing, performing a very valuable service to his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Mahoney's services to his country have been noteworthy. He was, in 1907 and 1908, associated with the United States Revenue Department, serving aboard the revenue cutter "Gresham." In July, 1917, he enlisted for service in this country's defense forces, continuing until honorably discharged in January, 1919. As an aviation instructor during that period he did valuable work. Taking a course at Cornell University in aero-dynamics, Mr. Mahoney was afterward stationed at the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Dix, then at San Antonio, Texas, then at Kelly Field, where he was commissioned second lieutenant. He took the instructors' course at Brooks Field, San Antonio, and a special course for bombers at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Mr. Mahoney is now a member of Troy Post of the American Legion and of the Disabled Emergency Officers of the World War, and belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is active in the affairs of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

In Troy, New York, Justin T. Mahoney married Mary Alice Sage, a native of Troy, daughter of Albert and Catherine (Dewan) Sage. The following children were born of this marriage, all in Troy: Justin J., A. Franklin, Paul D., and James Sage Mahoney.

FREDRIC A. GLYNN—One of the leading citizens of the Craryville vicinity, Fredric A. Glynn is postmaster here, and since 1907 has served as telegraph operator at Craryville Station.

Mr. Glynn was born in 1890 at Chatham, New York, son of Michael and Sarah (Donellon) Glynn, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a farmer in Chatham.

Chatham schools provided Fredric A. Glynn's early formal education, and in 1907 he began his present work as telegraph operator at Craryville Station. For many years, since 1915, he has served as Craryville's postmaster, and he is an accredited leader in the life of the Capital Region. He belongs to the Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Order of Railway Trainmen and he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1914, at Craryville, he married Mary Strever. Their children are: 1. Kathryn. 2. Marie. 3. Keith, a merchant in Craryville.

LOUIS H. GROSS—A member of one of Troy's best known families, Louis H. Gross continues the tradition of business leadership and civic prominence long associated with the family name. He is now president of the Union National Bank of Troy and president of the city board of education.

Born at Troy on May 5, 1892, Mr. Gross is a son of Henry and Annette (Kritzman) Gross and a grandson of Louis Gross, founder of the retail clothing business at Troy which is still operated by the family. He is a nephew of Dr. Charles A. Gross, late professor of history at Harvard University, in whose honor the Gross Medal competition in oratory has been established at Troy High School. Henry Gross, the father, who was born at Troy in 1860, was active in the clothing business of W. & M. Gross, Inc. He has a long record of civic service in the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and similar institutions and was formerly commissioner of education of the city of Troy.

Louis H. Gross attended the Troy public schools and matriculated at Williams College after his graduation from Troy High School in 1910. He began his business career in the retail clothing store of W. & M. Gross, Inc., originally established by his grandfather in 1849 and now one of the oldest enterprises of its kind in Troy. After serving in various capacities in the organization, he became its president in 1930 and continued in that office until May 22, 1939, when he was elected president of the Union National Bank of Troy. He has since devoted his attention principally to his banking duties as executive head of the Union National Bank.

Mr. Gross shares the interest in education which has distinguished his family at Troy and since 1928 has been a member of the Troy Board of Education. He assumed his present responsibilities as president of the board in 1934 and has furnished effective and enlightened leadership in the administration of the city school system during the intervening years. Another indication of his public spirit and the position which he occupies in the city's life is found in his service as a trustee of the Troy Public Library.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Gross is a director of the Troy Club and a member of the Troy

Country Club. Although his civic duties occupy much of his leisure, he is fond of golf and turns to this sport for recreation. He is unmarried.

CHARLES W. HAMM, M. D.—Engaged in the general practice of medicine in Troy, Dr. Charles W. Hamm occupies a high place in the professional life of the city.

Dr. Hamm was born April 19, 1869, in Troy, New York, son of Henry and Mary A. (Miller) Hamm. His father, a native of Rensselaer County, was a stonemason by trade, and later was engaged in market gardening operations in the town of North Greenwich.

Charles W. Hamm attended public schools in Troy and later studied at both Troy Academy and Lansingburgh Academy, then studed at Union College and was graduated in 1893 from Albany Medical School as a Doctor of Medicine. For a time, before he received his degree and took up his own independent practice, Dr. Hamm was associated with the late Dr. M. A. Wheeler, of Troy, with whom his work served as the equivalent of an interneship. In 1894 Dr. Hamm began his own independent practice, remaining until 1902 at Poestenkill. In that year, coming to Troy, he began the general practice of medicine. For a considerable period of years he devoted most of his time to maternity cases, but afterward he ceased specializing in this branch of medicine in order to resume a more general type of practice.

For many years down to the time of writing, Dr. Hamm has served as school physician of the town of North Greenbush, a suburb of Troy. Formerly he served also as health officer of this town, so continuing until May, 1940. In 1940 he was elected president of the Rensselaer County Medical Society, and Dr. Hamm belongs also to the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of a number of civic bodies in Troy, and was for some years a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to King Solomon Lodge, Apollo Chapter, No. 48, Royal Arch Masons, Bloss Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters, Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar, different Scottish Rite bodies (in which he holds the thirty-second degree), and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

On June 6, 1894, Dr. Charles W. Hamm married Ella L. De Freest, daughter of Edward De Freest. Herbert De Freest Hamm, born of this marriage in January, 1896, at Poestenkill, New York, attended public schools and Troy High School, later becoming a student at Williams College and taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Rutgers College. He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Harvard Law School, and then became a lawyer in Albany and Troy. At the time of writing he is Rensselaer County attorney. During the World War Herbert D. Hamm enlisted in the United States Navy, becoming a second-class seaman and receiving a commission as an ensign and then becoming attached to the New London Naval Base at New London, Connecticut. He married Margaret Crabtree, daughter of the Rev. Albert Crabtree, of Barrington, Rhode Island.

RAYMOND P. NEITZEL—For many years recognized as one of Troy's leading business men, Raymond P. Neitzel is president and treasurer of Marvin-Neitzel, Inc., manufacturers of fine linen collars and cuffs and hospital garments of all kinds.

Mr. Neitzel was born March 30, 1889, in South Bend, Indiana, son of Paul J. and Ora E. (Owens) Neitzel. His parents resided in South Bend, where his father was assistant superintendent of the South Bend Toy Manufacturing Company over a period of almost sixty years.

Public schools of South Bend provided Raymond P. Neitzel's early formal education, and he later attended Spring Arbor Seminary, at Spring Arbor, Michigan, and Greenville College, in Illinois. From 1910 to 1912 he was associated with the women's neckwear manufacturing firm of Owen & Towsley, of Chicago. Then, until 1917, he was assistant manager of the Chicago office of Corliss, Coon & Company. In that year Mr. Neitzel came to the E. W. Marvin Company, in Troy, manufacturers of starched collars and cuffs and hospital apparel. In 1919 he became vice-president of the company, which was reorganized in 1931 as Marvin-Neitzel, Inc., the style that is still maintained. This firm, of which Mr. Neitzel has been president and treasurer since that time, is one of the old and noted business houses of Troy. Back in 1891 the firm of Gunnison & Marvin began making "Electric" and "Meteor" brands of men's and women's fine linen collars and cuffs; and it in turn was a later development of Gunnison & Stewart, established in 1845. Gunnison & Stewart was followed by Gunnison, Stewart & Company in 1856, by the second firm of Gunnison & Stewart in 1858, by William Gunnison & Son in 1880, by Gunnison & Marvin in 1886, by the E. W. Marvin Company in 1908 and by the Marvin-Neitzel Corporation in 1931. In 1914 E. W. Marvin's son-in-law, D. W. Mabee became president of the Marvin Company, which added to its collar line the line of children's dresses for which it became famous throughout the United States. In 1915 a venture into the manufacture of nurses' aprons convinced the management that an opportunity to serve the hospital existed. Mr. Mabee later became a member of the board of directors of the Marvin-Neitzel Corporation when it came into being.

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Mr. Neitzel was originally engaged to call on hospitals in the Middle West, where he was so successful that he was brought to Troy as vice-president of the E. W. Marvin Company in 1919. In this city he devoted his attention especially to developing a complete hospital clothing line. Progress was so rapid in this direction that the company soon discontinued entirely its manufacture of children's dresses and gave its full time to making student nursing apparel and hospital garments. Since the organization of Marvin-Neitzel, Inc., in 1931, considerable effort has been concentrated upon improving the quality of garments bearing the Marvin-Neitzel name and upon cultivating a more personalized type of service. Mr. Neitzel's part in all this development has been a distinctive one, and the words of one of the company's officers characterize the present position of the organization: "Time marches on. The company will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in 1945. We hope to have written an even greater chapter in the firm's history before the century passes."

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Neitzel is a director of the Troy Prudential Association. He is also president and a director of the Troy Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Troy Kiwanis Club. He also serves as president of the Troy Boys' Club and a trustee of the Camp Fire Girls, Inc. He was formerly president and is now a director and a member of the board of trustees of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association. In spare time he interests himself in the development of a seventy-acre farm in Petersburg, New York. He has concerned himself always with civic affairs in his community, and here is widely respected and honored for the work that he has done and for his many-sided accomplishments. He is a member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Raymond P. Neitzel married, July 9, 1912, at Coopersville, Michigan, Ina A. Cusick, daughter of William and Augusta (Newman) Cusick. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Robert P. Neitzel, born March 29, 1915, attended public schools in Troy, graduated from Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut, as a Bachelor of Arts, now assistant treasurer of Marvin-Neitzel, Inc. 2. Gordon C. Neitzel, born July 17, 1920, graduated from Troy public schools, then attended Albany Academy and Mount Hermon Seminary, now associated with his father in the research department of Marvin-Neitzel, Inc.

JOHN LAWRENCE HALPIN—Following his earlier career in private business and newspaper work, John Lawrence Halpin entered the State Department of Taxation and Finance and has since devoted himself to government service. He is now secretary of the Conservation Department, handling both administrative duties and publicity work.

Mr. Halpin was born in Watervliet on June 22, 1897, son of Patrick and Mary (Hogan) Halpin. His father, who came to this country from Ireland, was engaged in the liquor business at Watervliet. His mother was born in Troy. Both are now deceased.

John L. Halpin was educated in the public schools of Watervliet and after completing the high school course in 1914, worked for three years with the West Side Foundry Company at Watervliet. During the World War period, from 1917 to 1919, he was employed at Watervliet Arsenal and afterward, until 1922, worked in the wire and cable department of the General Electric Company plant in Schenectady. In 1923 he joined the staff of the "Schenectady Gazette," and spent six years as a reporter and political writer for this newspaper. In addition he served in 1926-27 as secretary to the city Commissioner of Public Works at Schenectady, an appointment which led to his subsequent career in the State service. In April, 1929, he was appointed to the State Department of Taxation and Finance as chief of publicity. Soon afterward he was made private secretary to the late Thomas M. Lynch, then Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, and continued in the department until April 23, 1933, when he received his present appointment as secretary of the Conservation Department. Mr. Halpin's office is part of the administrative corps of the department. His own duties consist of the management of personnel, handling of records and general supervision of department publicity, photographic, exhibit and educational work. The latter, carried out on an extensive scale, involves the compilation and distribution of information anad literature as to the facilities, advantages and attractions of the forest preserve, historic and scenic places of interest, fish and game and other conservation matters in the State.

Mr. Halpin, who continues to make his home in Schenectady, is active in Democratic politics and since 1925 has served as secretary of the Schenectady County Democratic Committee. He is a member of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church.

On January 29, 1936, at Albany, he married Marion Maney, who was born in this city, daughter of Patrick Maney, a native of Ireland, and Margaret (Conroy) Maney, born at Menands, New York.

IRVING L. McGEE—Agricultural activity and public service have combined to make Irving L. McGee's career one of great usefulness in Copake and Columbia County.

Mr. McGee was born September 19, 1877, at Pine Plains, New York, son of Thomas and Olive (Cook)

McGee, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a tailor in Pine Plains.

Schools at Pine Plains provided Irving L. McGee's early formal education. In boyhood he took up farming, in which he is still interested and actively engaged, conducting a small farm at the time of writing. At different periods he has been one of Columbia County's largest owners of property, as well as one of its leading agriculturists. Now he combines operation of his farm with service as county supervisor, giving most of his time to the county work. Since 1921 he has been town assessor of Copake. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Grange, of which he was Master for two years, and has for many years been vice-president of the Copake Cemetery Association.

In 1898, in Copake, New York, Irving L. McGee married Blanche Cornell. They became the parents of Howard McGee, who is postmaster of Copake, and a trustee of the Methodist Church. He was married at Orange, New Jersey, April 7, 1928, to Elisabeth Spethmann, daughter of Carl Spethmann, a professor in Newark Academy for fifty-three years, and Eleanor (Houston) Spethmann. Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGee are the parents of a son, Thomas Carl, born January 21, 1939.

HON. HENRY ESMOND CLINTON—Widely known as a practicing lawyer in Troy, Henry Esmond Clinton is one of the city's leading professional men.

Mr. Clinton's parents were Lawrence and Mary F. (Dolan) Clinton, of Troy, both now deceased. His father, a native of Dublin, Ireland, came when very young to America along with his brothers—Charles, Henry, John, James, George De Witt and Frank Clinton—and his sisters, Margaret and Mary Clinton. The marriage of Lawrence and Mary F. (Dolan) Clinton took place June 25, 1878, in Troy. She was a native of Mooers, New York. The children were: 1. Mary G. Clinton. 2. Henry E. Clinton.

Henry Esmond Clinton, usually called simply "Harry," attended St. Lawrence's German School, and later entered La Salle Institute, in Troy, where he was graduated in 1898. Subsequently he took up the study of law with the law firm of King and King, in Troy, and afterward he entered Union University, where he remained for a short time before receiving a transfer to Albany Law School. There he was graduated in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Taking the bar examination, he was admitted to the practice of law in both the United States and New York State courts in 1902. Admitted to the bar, he associated himself in practice with Thomas F. Powers, establishing offices in Troy and continuing in that association until 1915. In that year he undertook the independent practice of law, afterward opening offices in the Troy Savings Bank Building in this city. He still has headquarters in this same building, though he is, and has been since 1924, senior member of the partnership of Clinton, Scott and McNamee. He was elected judge of the County Court of Rensselaer County, and of the Children's Court for a term of six years, taking office January 1, 1941, and still serves in both offices.

Quite aside from his own practice, which has been of significance in the life of Troy, Mr. Clinton is a member of the Rensselaer County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He has taken part also in public affairs here, having been elected mayor of Troy in the autumn of 1923 after one of the bitterest political battles the city ever went through. He continued as mayor until 1928, being the first and last Republican mayor in a thirty-year period. In 1931 Mr. Clinton again entered the political arena as a candidate for district attorney of Rensselaer County in a three-cornered battle against the Democratic candidate and an independent Republican. He emerged from that fight as the successful candidate on the regular Republican ticket, and continued as district attorney from January 1, 1932, to December 31, 1934.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Clinton is a director of the Collateral Bankers (Hodson Group), New York City, and of the American Business Credit Corporation of New York City. He is active in Republican party affairs, and in 1924 was a regular delegate to the national convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Formerly he belonged to both the Troy Club and the Troy Country Club, and he is a member of Trojan Post, No. 469, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and of Company A, 105th Infantry. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Loyal Order of Moose, in which he holds the fellowship degree and is past president of the New York State organization, and also is past dictator of Lodge No. 971; the Delta Chi fraternity, in which he is a charter member of the Delta Chi Corporation of Albany; Troy Council of the Knights of Columbus; and Wah-ta-Wah Tribe, No. 230, of the Order of Red Men, in which he is a Past Sachem. He is also a member of the Albany Law School Alumni Association.

Henry (Harry) Esmond Clinton married (first), September 25, 1908, Mary Egan, daughter of Martin and Mary Egan, of Troy, both now deceased. They became the parents of three children: 1. Powers Clinton, who was graduated from Union College as a Bachelor of Arts in June, 1933, and is now engaged in the insurance business in Troy. 2. Harry Esmond Clinton, Jr., graduated from Catholic University as a Bachelor of Arts in June, 1933, now district manager of the General Motors Corporation at South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. 3. Lawrence De Witt Clinton, graduated in June, 1937, from Union College as a Bachelor of Arts, a student at Albany Law School at the time of writing. The death of the mother of these three children occurred in March, 1915. Mr. Clinton married (second), July 19, 1917, Genevieve Otterson, of Troy.

J. GORDON BAXTER—Engaged in the practice of law in Troy, J. Gordon Baxter has specialized mainly in taxation law.

Mr. Baxter was born February 15, 1908, in Watervliet, New York, son of John B. and Margaret M. (Andrews) Baxter. His father, born at Karcauldy, Scotland, came in early boyhood to the United States and established himself in Watervliet. For many years, until his retirement, he was general manager of the Covert Manufacturing Company there.

Troy schools furnished J. Gordon Baxter's early formal education, and afterward he attended Culver Military Academy, at Culver, Indiana. He then became a student at Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and still later he studied at Albany Medical School and at the Law School of Harvard University. Afterward he took postgraduate work at both Brown University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Taking up the practice of law in Troy, Mr. Baxter has continued his general practice down to the time of writing, specializing, as already indicated, in taxation law. He is a member of the Federal District Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Rensselaer County Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

He also belongs to the Hall Law Club at Harvard, and is a member of the executive committee for northeastern New York State of the Brown Alumni Association. Formerly active in the United States Army, he became a lieutenant in the Reserve Corps. During his student days he joined the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and he is also affiliated with King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Troy, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, De Molay Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. In leisure time Mr. Baxter is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly of such healthful recreations as golf, fishing and hunting.

In Albany, New York, June 25, 1938, J. Gordon Baxter married Katherine Watkins, daughter of Thomas O. and Berta (Agan) Watkins. Mrs. Baxter was graduated from New York State Teachers' College as a Bachelor of Arts and from Cornell University as a Master of Arts, and is now assistant professor at Russell Sage College, Troy.

LOUIS J. FLANIGAN—As conservation finance officer in charge of the financial administration of the State Conservation Department, Louis J. Flanigan has important responsibilities in one of the major departments of the State Government. He is an experienced official, with a record of more than thirty years of service in Albany.

Born in this city on November 18, 1883, Mr. Flanigan is a son of John J. and Elizabeth (Lyons) Flanigan. His grandfather, Daniel Flanigan, settled in North Albany and was the first of the family here. John J. Flanigan was born in Albany and was a tobacconist until his death on November 25, 1932. The mother, Elizabeth (Lyons) Flanigan, was born in England and died on June 21, 1909.

Louis J. Flanigan was educated at St. John's Parochial School in Rensselaer and at Albany Business College, from which he was graduated in 1900. He has also completed courses of the La Salle Institute of Chicago. After the completion of his early business training in 1900, he began the study of law with William Van Rensselaer Irving, in whose office he remained until 1903. Subsequently he was employed by the New York Central Railroad from 1903 to 1905 and by the American Express Company as a stenographer in 1905-06. During the following two years he was associated with the United States Navy Department and General Electric Company. It was in 1908 that he became an employee of the New York State Government, entering the Comptroller's Department as a clerk, and since that time he has been a member of the official family in Albany. Mr. Flanigan was a clerk in the Comptroller's Department until 1915. He was later acting secretary of the Canal Board and auditor and accountant for the Canal Bureau in the Comptroller's Department, and then he was appointed auditor of the Finance Bureau in the same department. On July 1, 1931, he was transferred to the Conservation Department to take over his present responsibilities as finance officer of the department. He has entirely reorganized the division under him in the interests of efficient operation and has achieved notable results in this direction during his tenure.

Mr. Flanigan is an active sportsman who follows basketball closely and frequently finds occasions to indulge his taste for fishing, hunting, golf and other athletic recreations. He is a member of the Normanside Country Club and the Hawkeye Rod and Gun Club. He is also affiliated with Lodge No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. Teresa's parish in Albany.

On September 15, 1909, at Rensselaer, Mr. Flanigan married Millicent Stubbing, who was born at East Greenwich, New York, daughter of William Stubbing, a native of Albany, and Nellie (McCarthy) Stubbing, born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Flanigan have two sons: Willam E., born at Rensselaer on May 1, 1912, educated at St. John's Academy and St. Lawrence University, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in

1934, and now a parole officer in the State Department of Correction; and John J., born at Rensselaer on February 12, 1918, who was graduated from St. Lawrence University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1940. Active in athletics, both sons won varsity letters in three sports at college.

ALBERT LENZ, M. D.—Surgery and radiology have been the principal professional interests of Dr. Albert Lenz, who began practice at Schenectady in 1914 and has continued his career in this city during the past quarter of a century. He is a well-known specialist and is active in many hospital appointments.

Dr. Lenz was born at Stone Arabia, New York, on June 27, 1888, son of Fred and Mary Katherine (Fusmire) Lenz. His father, who was born in Wetzlar, Germany, in 1856, and died on October 9, 1923, was brought to the United States by his parents in infancy. He was a cheese maker by occupation and lived at Stone Arabia and Berryville. Mary Katherine (Dillenback) Lenz, the mother, was born at Stone Arabia on March 12, 1867, and is still living.

Albert Lenz received his preliminary education in the public schools of Johnstown, Berryville and Gloversville, New York. In 1905 he was graduated from Johnstown High School and after taking postgraduate work at the same institution for two years, entered Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1912. During the following year he served as interne at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. The completion of this training was followed by a year of general practice in Gloversville, after which he returned to Schenectady. Since that time he has specialized in surgery and radiology, with offices in Schenectady. Dr. Lenz has established his reputation in both fields. He is now consulting radiologist to Ellis and City hospitals in Schenectady; Mary McClellan Hospital at Cambridge, New York; and Ballston Hospital at Ballston. He is a member of the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society, Schenectady County Medical Society, Radiological Society of North America and Central New York X-Ray Society. Fond of outdoor life, he finds his principal recreation in hunting and fishing.

On April 23, 1921, Dr. Lenz married Cora Millet, of Whitehall, New York, daughter of Noah Millet.

FREDERICK WILLIAM FREAR—Four successive generations of the Frear family have been identified with merchandising in the Capital Region for more than a century. The widely known Troy department store, William H. Frear & Company, Inc., is the outgrowth of a dry goods enterprise initiated by a member of the second generation, seventy-five years ago. Frederick William Frear, grandson of the founder of this corporation, now serves as secretary of the company, entering the business shortly after being graduated from Yale University, in 1933.

The name Frear is an old and distinguished one in New York State. One Joseph Frear, the earliest member of the family to come to America, was born in England, April 2, 1777, and arrived in Quebec, Canada, in 1814 Later he came to New York and was a resident of Binghamton in 1849. In England he married Eleanor Lee, who died April 17, 1851, in Binghamton, aged seventy-two years. His son, William Frear, born August 1, 1816, and died February 15, 1882, in Troy, New York, came to this country from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, with his parents. He was in business in Upper Village Coxsackie for forty years, before moving to Troy. He married, September 3, 1839, Deborah Ann Davis, born July 24, 1819, at Coram, Long Island, who died May 5, 1898, in Troy.

William H. Frear, one of the eight children of William and Deborah Ann (Davis) Frear, was born March 29, 1841, in Upper Village Coxsackie, and died January 12, 1917. In his youth he was a clerk in the Upper Village Coxsackie store; then went with the John Flagg & Company dry goods establishment in Troy. In 1865 together with Sylvanus Haverly, a dry goods house was opened at No. 322 River Street, Troy. Such was the origin of the William H. Frear & Company, Inc., thus named and incorporated on May 24, 1894. William H. Frear married, October 27, 1863, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Martha Frances Wright, born in Lanesboro, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles and Martha M. (Bradley) Wright and a descendant of an early Colonial family. They became the parents of three sons: 1. Charles Wright Frear. 2. William Bradley Frear. 3. Edwin Henry Frear.

Charles Wright Frear was born August 11, 1865. He attended the Troy public schools, Mount Anthony Seminary, Bennington, Vermont, and was graduated in 1889 from Phillips-Andover Academy, in Andover, Massachusetts. After completing a special course in his junior year at Williams College, he joined his father, on May 24, 1894, in the firm of William H. Frear & Company, Inc., and was made president and treasurer. He was a bank director, a member of several clubs, and of the Sons of the Revolution. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. On June 28, 1910, Charles Wright Frear married Mary Ella Gurney, daughter of Silas Angier Gurney, of Saco, Maine, and Anna Clapp, of Greenfield, Massachusetts. They were the parents of two children: 1. Frederick William Frear. 2. Anna Frances Frear, born February 13, 1913.

Mention has already been made of incidents in the history of this large department store company, by way of indicating how various generations of the family entered

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the business. Certain additional information is required to round out the story of the business. When founded in 1865 as a dry goods house, its first home as stated, was at No. 322 River Street, Troy. After 1868, John Flagg became a partner, and the firm became Flagg, Haverly & Frear, with headquarters at Nos. 3-4 Cannon Place. In 1869 Mr. Haverly withdrew, and on October 27, of that same year, William H. Frear purchased the Flagg interests, becoming the sole owner, and for nearly a quarter of a century operated the business without partners. On May 24, 1894, William H. Frear, with his brother, Edwin A. Frear, and the founder's son, Charles Wright Frear, organized and incorporated William H. Frear & Company, Inc. The most recent addition to the company is Frederick William Frear, of the third generation.

Frederick William Frear was born October 5, 1911, in Troy, New York. Graduated from the Albany Academy, in 1929 he matriculated at Yale University, New Haven, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts four years later. He then did special postgraduate work in English literature at Harvard University. After completing his academic education, he entered William H. Frear & Company, Inc., of which he is secretary.

In addition to his business, Frederick William Frear is keenly interested in civic, cultural, humanitarian and social organizations and activities. He is a trustee of the Rensselaer County Historical Society, also serving as secretary; president of the Friends of Russell Sage College Library; and a member of the advisory board of the Alliance Française of Troy. He serves on the board of governors of the Marshall Infirmary, in Troy, and is a member of the board of directors of the Troy Boys' Club. He belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution; is active in the Troy Chamber of Commerce and the Troy Club; acts as secretary for the Troy Society for Spoken English, and is a member of the Yale Club of New York City. His religious affiliations are with St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Frear is a lover of fine literature, having a fine collection of books in his private library. He is a delightful conversationalist, one whose companionship is enjoyed by friends and intimates.

ROBERT L. BOWERHAN, M. D.—Carrying on an active general practice of medicine in both Copake and Hillsdale, Dr. Robert L. Bowerhan makes his home in Copake.

Dr. Bowerhan was born November 20, 1903, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Robert C. and Alvina (Smith) Bowerhan. His father, an insurance broker, is now deceased.

Brooklyn schools furnished Dr. Bowerhan's early formal education, and he took his pre-medical course at Colby College. Graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in 1930, he served a two-year interneship at Englewood Hospital. Then, in 1931, he started a general practice in Copake and Hillsdale. He is a member of the Columbia County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1932, in Copake, Dr. Bowerhan married Sophia Sterns, of this place. Their daughter, Gail Bowerhan, was born in 1936.

WILLIAM D. BRIWA—Trained to the profession of agriculture and for some years engaged in its practice, William D. Briwa joined his father and brothers in the management of the large dairy and fruit farm operated by the family at Greenport, Columbia County, under the name of Briwa Farms. He has since been a partner in this enterprise.

Mr. Briwa was born in Columbia County on September 16, 1898, son of Michael and Augusta (Drobner) Briwa. His father (*q. v.*), who founded the family in America, came to this country from Alsace-Lorraine in 1880 and settled in Columbia County. The mother is of German stock. Educated in the public schools of this county, William D. Briwa later completed a preparatory course and then entered Rutgers College, from which he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. With the development of Briwa Farms, established in 1918, on a seventy-acre property, but now comprising 350 acres, he joined his father and brothers at Greenport as a partner. Since then he has played his full part in the management of the farm with its dairy herd of fifty certified cattle and its prolific orchards.

Mr. Briwa enlisted during the World War and was sent to the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York, with the infantry replacement units. Afterward he was assigned as military instructor at Rutgers College and finally was transferred to Camp Lee, where he was in service until he received his discharge after the Armistice. He is affiliated with the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1931 William D. Briwa married Dorothy M. Taylor, of Hackettstown, New Jersey. They are the parents of two daughters: Helen H., born July 17, 1932; and Dorothy M., born April 25, 1935.

JAMES THOMAS WHITEHURST—For many years James Thomas Whitehurst has been engaged in the printing business in Troy, where he is head of the Whitehurst Printing & Binding Company. His son, James Thomas Whitehurst, Jr., has been associated with him in this enterprise for a number of years, and the two men operate what is recognized as one of the leading printing and binding establishments in the Capital Region.

The elder James T. Whitehurst was born August 4, 1877, in Birmingham, England, son of James and Elizabeth (Hill) Whitehurst. His father came to this country from England, settling in 1885 in Troy and becoming an iron roller with the Burden Iron Company.

James Thomas Whitehurst, Sr., had a very limited education, having had to start work at the age of eleven years in order to help earn a livelihood. In 1885 he came to Troy with his father, working here for William H. Frear, a local merchant, who engaged him as a check boy. In 1890 Mr. Whitehurst worked for the Stowell Print Shop, as an errand boy for one year, and on December 13, 1891, was engaged as an apprentice to John E. Russell, a printer of Troy. When he completed his service as an apprentice and journeyman he was made a member of the firm. That was in 1898. Changes that came with the passing of the years brought alterations in the organization of the Russell firm, until eventually Mr. Whitehurst became sole owner. In 1910 he also purchased the Bliss-Fleck Bindery, which was merged with the then Russell & Whitehurst Printing Company to form the new Whitehurst Printing & Binding Company, with Mr. Whitehurst as sole owner.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Whitehurst is vice-president and a director of the Union National Bank, of Troy, and vice-president of Oakwood Cemetery. He was formerly president of the Troy Club. Throughout his career he has been active in the Troy Chamber of Commerce, and he belongs to Mount Zion Lodge, No. 311, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Past Master of his lodge. In spare time Mr. Whitehurst enjoys gardening as a hobby and recreation.

James T. Whitehurst married, in Troy, New York, November 25, 1896, Matilda Frances Wendell, daughter of Isaac and Myra (Simmons) Wendell. The children of this marriage were the following: 1. E. Mildred Whitehurst, who became the wife of Frank Edward Bardrof, of Cleveland, Ohio, and died in March, 1928, and was laid to rest in Troy; Mr. Bardrof died January 15, 1941. They became the parents of two sons, James Whitehurst Bardrof and Frank Edward Bardrof, Jr. 2. James Thomas Whitehurst, Jr., born in Troy, graduated from Pennsylvania Military College, became associated in 1928 with the Whitehurst Printing & Binding Company, with which he remains today, and is also active in Mount Zion Masonic Lodge, No. 311, the Troy Club, the Troy Country Club, and the Troy Lions Club; he married, June 27, 1928, at Chester, Pennsylvania, Angela E. Simms, daughter of George E. and Margaret C. Simms, and they became the parents of four children: i. Patricia Anne Whitehurst, born September 8, 1930. ii. Gail Mildred Whitehurst, born March 24, 1933. iii and iv. James Thomas Whitehurst III and Norman Wendell Whitehurst (twins), born September 24, 1939.

JAMES THOMAS WHITEHURST, Jr.—Engaged in the printing and bookbinding business in Troy, James Thomas Whitehurst, Jr., has been active in the operations of the Whitehurst Printing & Binding Company since 1928.

Mr. Whitehurst was born in Troy, New York, son of James Thomas and Matilda Francis (Wendell) Whitehurst. His paternal grandparents, James and Elizabeth (Hill) Whitehurst, founded the family here. The grandfather came from England, settling in Troy in 1885 and becoming an iron roller with the Burden Iron Company. The father, James Thomas Whitehurst, Sr., born August 4, 1877, in Birmingham, England, had a very limited education, and started working at the age of eleven years to help earn a livelihood. In 1885 he came to this country, settling with his father in Troy, where he was employed by a merchant, William H. Frear, as a check boy. In 1890 the elder Mr. Whitehurst was engaged by the Stowell Print Shop here as an errand boy. In 1891 he began an apprenticeship with John E. Russell. Out of this relationship grew the Russell & Whitehurst Printing Company, which, in turn, became the present Whitehurst Printing & Binding Company. The elder James Thomas Whitehurst (*q. v.*) married, November 25, 1896, in Troy, Matilda Frances Wendell, daughter of Isaac and Myra (Simmons) Wendell. They were the parents of two children: 1. James Thomas Whitehurst, Jr., of further mention. 2. E. Mildred Whitehurst, wife of Frank Edward Bardrof, of Cleveland, Ohio, and mother of two sons, James Whitehurst Bardrof and Frank Edward Bardrof, Jr.; Mrs. Bardrof died in March, 1928.

James Whitehurst, Jr., the first-named of the two children, attended Pennsylvania Military College, and in 1928 became associated with the Whitehurst Printing & Binding Company, of Troy. He continues his association with this firm down to the time of writing, and is active in civic and social affairs in Troy. He belongs to the Troy Lions Club, the Troy Club and the Troy Country Club, and is affiliated with Mount Zion Lodge, No. 311, of the Free and Accepted Masons.

In Chester, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1928, James T. Whitehurst, Jr., married Angela E. Simms, daughter of George E. and Margaret C. Simms. To this marriage the following children were born: 1. Patricia Anne Whitehurst, born September 8, 1930. 2. Gail Mildred Whitehurst, born March 24, 1933. 3 and 4. James Thomas Whitehurst III and Norman Wendell Whitehurst (twins), born September 24, 1939.

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ROY MUNRO COLLIE, M. D.—For more than thirty years, Dr. Roy Munro Collie has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Schenectady. As a specialist in internal medicine and cardiology, he has many responsibilities which reflect his standing in his profession.

Dr. Collie was born at Gloversville, New York, on March 11, 1884, son of William and Rose (McLaughlin) Collie. His father, born at Aboyne, Scotland, in 1845, came to the United States in 1867 and was a merchant in Gloversville until his death on June 1, 1921. His mother, who was born at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, in 1857, died on December 9, 1892.

Roy Munro Collie received his early education in the public schools of Gloversville, where he was graduated from high school in 1901. Subsequently he studied for a year at Union College and then entered Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906. After serving as interne at Hartford City Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut, for one year and at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, for an equal period, he began his practice in this city. His career as a Schenectady physician dates from 1907 and has been continued without interruption, except for periods of postgraduate study. In 1923 Dr. Collie visited Europe for postgraduate work at National Heart Hospital, London, and St. Andrew's Institute in Scotland. His professional activities are now limited entirely to cardiology and internal medicine, branches of his profession in which he is well known.

Dr. Collie is attending cardiologist at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Physicians since 1927 and is a member of the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society and Schenectady County Medical Society. In addition to his professional interests, he is a trustee of Schenectady Savings Bank and a member of the Mohawk Club and Mohawk Golf Club, both of Schenectady. Dr. Collie is a Republican in politics and a member of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church, Schenectady. Golf and fishing are his favorite recreations.

On April 30, 1910, he married Margaret Quilhot, of Amsterdam, New York, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Kline) Quilhot. Dr. and Mrs. Collie are the parents of two daughters: 1. Sarah Munro, who took the degree of Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude,* at Wellesley College in 1932 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She is now the wife of Philip A. Smith, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who was graduated *cum laude* from Bowdoin College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Harvard University in 1940. 2. Margaret Quilhot, a graduate of Wellesley College in the class of 1940.

ARTHUR F. AMADON—Since he entered the service of the State in 1919, Arthur F. Amadon has played an active part in the work of the Conservation Department. A trained forester, he is now superintendent of nurseries in the Division of Lands and Forests, supervising the production of trees which the State distributes at cost to private landowners.

Mr. Amadon was born at Springfield, Missouri, on November 14, 1887, son of Arthur F. and Mary E. (Whitcomb) Amadon. On both sides of the family he comes of New England stock. His father, who was born at Pownal, Vermont, was a graduate of Williams College and Dartmouth Medical School and was a practicing physician in Boston for many years. His mother was born in New Haven, Connecticut. Both parents are now deceased.

Arthur F. Amadon, of this record, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Boston. In 1908 he was graduated from Boston Latin School and subsequently entered the University of Maine, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry in 1913. During the following five years he worked as a forester for the Great Northern Paper Company of Bangor, Maine. In March, 1918, following the entry of the United States into the World War, he enlisted in the National Army and was assigned to duty with a special detachment in the Intelligence Department, spending a number of months overseas. In March, 1919, he received his discharge from the service with the rank of corporal and in July of the same year became associated with the Conservation Department of the State of New York. Until 1921 Mr. Amadon was employed as a surveyor and timber cruiser for the department. At the end of this time he was placed in charge of the State work for control of white pine blister rust, a responsibility which occupied him until 1927. Since then he has been superintendent of nurseries, in charge of the three tree nurseries maintained by the State and administered by the Conservation Department Division of Lands and Forest as an aid to reforestation. Any private landowner may obtain from the State nurseries healthy seedlings for setting out on his own land at cost. As superintendent, Mr. Amadon has a working force of two hundred under his direct supervision.

Mr. Amadon is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

On January 29, 1921, at Troy, he married Hazel D. Taylor, born at Englewood, New Jersey, daughter of Robert Bruce Taylor, who came to this country from Scotland, and Jennie Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Amadon, who make their home in Troy, are the parents of one son, Franklin, born in Troy on September 28, 1924.

WILLIAM HOWARD BUMSTEAD—Since the early years of the automobile industry, William Howard Bumstead has been associated with the distribution of motor cars in the Troy area. He is now head of his own company, holding the Chevrolet agency for this district.

Mr. Bumstead was born in Troy on July 7, 1892, son of William and Emma S. (Drake) Bumstead and a member of an old American family. His father was for fifty years a grocer in Troy.

William Howard Bumstead was educated in the public schools of Troy and after completing the high school course in 1910, obtained a position with E. B. Stratton, distributor of Hudson motor cars in Troy. In this connection he served for two years as used car manager. Afterward he became associated with James M. Bussey, Inc., local distributor for Oldsmobile motor cars and later for Ford motor cars. Beginning as a salesman in 1915, he subsequently became vice-president of the company in charge of sales and in 1925 purchased the business of James M. Bussey, Inc., which had meanwhile taken over the Chevrolet agency. In 1929 Mr. Bumstead erected the building on Congress Street, Troy, which he now occupies. He has continued as distributor of Chevrolet motor cars in this district, developing his business with characteristic energy to the present high level which his sales volume now reaches annually.

Mr. Bumstead is president and treasurer of his own company and is also a director of the Union National Bank. He is a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Troy Club and Troy Country Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has never entered public life, but has given his support to the civic enterprises and institutions of the community. Horseback riding is his favorite recreation.

Mr. Bumstead married, in Troy, Anna Grace LeMay, daughter of William LeMay. They are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Anne, born in Troy in 1922, a graduate of Emma Willard School and now a student at Russell Sage College.

PETER APPLEBEE—One of the finest funeral homes in Albany County is conducted by Peter Applebee at Delmar. He has been engaged in business here since 1923.

Mr. Applebee, who has been a funeral director during virtually his entire career, was born at Dormansville, Albany County, on September 5, 1879, son of Elmer and Amanda (Bailey) Applebee. He is a grandson of Peter Applebee, born in Westerlo, a wagon maker in this county for many years. His father, who was born at Dormansville in 1852 and died on November 19, 1920, was justice of the peace at Westerlo for twenty-five years. His mother, who was born in Schoharie County, died on August 22, 1899.

Peter Applebee received his general education in the Dormansville public school and at Greenville private school. In 1900 he entered the employ of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, a connection he continued for four years. At the end of that time he entered Simmons Embalming School at Syracuse to prepare for his present profession, and upon his graduation in 1904 became associated with Dexter Smith, a funeral director. In 1905 he went to Montgomery County as an associate in the undertaking business of Fred Roser. Returning to Albany County in 1906, he entered business for himself at Clarksville and remained there as a funeral director until 1923. Then he removed to Delmar and opened his present funeral home located at No. 403 Kenwood Avenue. Its superior furnishings and equipment and its beautiful chapel seating ninety-eight people make it one of the county's finest funeral homes. Mr. Applebee's service is complete, and in order to maintain it he has a fleet of three cars.

Mr. Applebee is a Democrat in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been a member for thirty-two years, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club at Delmar and has taken an active part in the general community life. Professionally, Mr. Applebee is a member and past president of the Albany-Rensselaer Funeral Directors Association and a member of the New York Embalmers' and Funeral Directors' Association. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. Travel is his favorite recreation.

On December 24, 1906, at Westerlo, New York, Mr. Applebee married Edith M. Jones, born at Westerlo September 8, 1884, died on November 3, 1938, a daughter of Edward and Ella (Gale) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Applebee became the parents of two sons: 1. LeRoy J., born at Clarksville, New York, January 2, 1908, married Pauline Owen, of Washingtonville, and has two children: June and Fay. He is also a funeral director, now located at Middletown, New York. 2. Paul W., born at Clarksville on July 24, 1914, married Jacoba Prince, of Clifton, New Jersey.

HENRY SHERIDAN BAYLY—Henry Sheridan Bayly, comparatively young attorney-at-law, had a valuable academic training. He completed an extensive scholastic course in creditable time and is now associated with one of the prominent law firms of Troy.

He was born in this city on August 3, 1905, where his father, Richard Y. Bayly conducts a produce business and is still active. His mother, Katherine Agnes (Farrell) Bayly is a native of Troy.

Earl Holcomb Jackson M.D.

After being graduated from St. Joseph's Academy and from La Salle Institute, he obtained a degree of Bachelor of Science at the Catholic University in Washington, District of Columbia, in 1926. He attended Harvard Law School and in 1929 the degree of Bachelor of Laws was conferred on him at Albany Law School.

He is now associated with Murphy, Aldrich, Guy and Broderick of No. 297 River Street and devotes special attention to trial work and insurance counsel in which his proficiency and effectiveness are recognized by both clients and colleagues at the bar.

Mr. Bayly is a member of the Albany Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Troy Club and the Troy Country Club, and is of the Catholic faith, attending St. Joseph's Church.

He likes tennis and other games out-of-doors but his favorite recreation is horseback riding. He owns four blooded horses including a jumper and he is a director and chairman of the executive committee of the Troy Horse Show Association. He manifests his interest in civic affairs by activity in the Community Chest Drive.

At Albany, New York, on March 17, 1937, Henry Sheridan Bayly married Ann Marie Wiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wiley of the capital city. One child has been born to them, Ann Sheila, on April 16, 1938.

EUGENE CHATFIELD—Like many of his colleagues, Eugene Chatfield, of Troy, New York, brought to his Federal Service post a wide and varied training and experience. For the past two decades he has been connected with the national income tax department, as auditor and supervisor in New York State. At an earlier period he was a draftsman, engineer and State factory inspector. He became a civil engineer wholly through his own efforts, and at all times in his noteworthy career has been the director of his own destinies, in the finest sense of the term, a self-made man.

Mr. Chatfield was born at Mountainville, Orange County, New York, on June 13, 1877, son of Howard and Martha Elizabeth (Garrison) Chatfield and descended from ancestors of English origin who came to America in Colonial times. Many of them were seafaring folk, although they always were owners of land which in later years was farmed. Connecticut history tells of the exploits of three brothers Chatfield, Francis, George and Thomas, all of whom were pioneer settlers of Guilford, in that State, in the sixteen hundreds. Some of their descendants migrated to New York State, chiefly after the end of the Revolutionary War. Howard Chatfield was a native of Orange County, New York, a seaman for some time, a farmer for a longer period, and was the father of fourteen children.

Eugene Chatfield obtained his elementary education in Orange County schools and was graduated from the Waterford High School with the class of 1895. He went to the Albany Business College, receiving his diploma in 1898. He was graduated from the International Correspondence School, in 1905, a Civil Engineer. It will be seen from these dates that there were intervals of several years between the various graduations, the reason being that Mr. Chatfield had his own way to earn in life while acquiring the education he desired. He has been making a livelihood since boyhood and if he improved his knowledge and fitness for a profession, it was wholly because he was willing to work to this end. It can be said of him that he has never lost the outlook upon life of the student, neither has he ever arrived at the place where he considers there is nothing more to learn.

One of the first employments of Mr. Chatfield was as the manager of a shipping office. In 1908 he went with the Cohoes Rolling Mills, as draftsman and engineer, remaining until 1919. Then for a time he was factory inspector for the State of New York. It is worthy of more than passing note that this was a Civil Service position. In 1920 Mr. Chatfield entered the employ of the Federal Government, as an auditor in the Income Tax Department. Since 1922 he has been supervisor of agents for the Income Tax Department, District No. 14, New York State.

For a number of years, Mr. Chatfield has made his home in Troy, and been relatively active in several phases of its affairs. He is a popular figure in the Troy Kiwanis Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Cohoes Lodge, No. 116, Free and Accepted Masons, and Chapter No. 158, Royal Arch Masons. An active churchman, he is a steward of St. Mark's Church, Troy, and in 1940 represented it at the General Conference. For more than thirty years he has been a Sunday school superintendent, a most notable record. Mr. Chatfield is fond of golf, playing the game as a member of the Frear Park Country Club. One of his hobbies is working with wood, "in the making of things."

At Cohoes, New York, in 1907, Eugene Chatfield married Bertha May Ablett, daughter of Amos Ablett, for many years a representative in the General Assembly, Albany.

EARL HOLCOMB JACKSON, M. D.—Upon the completion of his medical training early in the present century, Dr. Earl Holcomb Jackson launched the general practice at Schenectady which he has now conducted for almost forty years. In point of service he is one of the city's senior physicians.

Dr. Jackson was born at Jordan, Onondaga County, New York, on May 23, 1879, son of Amos and Julia A. (Holcomb) Jackson. His father, who was born in the town of Navarino, Onondaga County, and died in September, 1903, was a partner with Charles M. Warner in the Syracuse firm of Jackson & Warner, manufacturers of malt. Julia A. (Holcomb) Jackson, the mother, who is also deceased, was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Earl Holcomb Jackson was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and after his graduation from Jordan High School in 1898, entered Albany Medical College to prepare for his chosen career. He was graduated from this institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1902, interned at the Homeopathic Hospital, Albany, and began practice at Schenectady on June 26, 1902. Since that time he has devoted himself without interruption to the responsibilities of his extensive general practice. Dr. Jackson is a member of the courtesy staff of Ellis Hospital in Schenectady and from 1909 to 1916, served as coroner of Schenectady County, an office to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket. In politics he is now a Republican, however. He is a member of the New York State and Schenectady County Medical Societies and a member of the First Reformed Church in this city. During the World War, he was commissioned in the United States Navy and served as lieutenant from 1917 to 1921.

On June 24, 1903, Dr. Jackson married Jennie Celia Magee, of Schenectady, daughter of Richard Hilton and Tamason (Hagadorn) Magee. They became the parents of three children: Helen Julia, a graduate of the New York School of Art in Paris, France, now Mrs. W. Donald Heide, of New York City; Earl Holcomb, Jr., a graduate in law of the University of Georgia; and Edward Wiltsie, a graduate of Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Jackson died August 9, 1941. Dr. Jackson has one granddaughter, Judith Ledyard Birch, now eleven years old.

GORDON H. WOOD—Both as a farmer and business man, Gordon H. Wood has important interests in the Cooksburg area of Albany County. His enterprising spirit and progressive outlook are well known, and their effects have been seen during his service in public office.

Mr. Wood was born on October 10, 1890, son of Henry and Emma (Fox) Wood. His father, who was born in Schoharie County, was a soldier in the Civil War and was so incapacitated by his service that he was unable to be active in business affairs.

Gordon H. Wood received a public school education. At the age of twenty-two he entered the grocery business at Cooksburg and has since continued in this field very successfully. In recent years, however, much of his time has been devoted to his farm. In 1917 Mr. Wood acquired an old farm in the village and began its development on an extensive scale. As a cattleman and dairy farmer he raises pure-bred Jerseys and usually has a herd numbering about forty head. All his own roughage is raised on the farm. In addition to his farm and grocery business, Mr. Wood has operated an insurance business for many years, handling automobile insurance and surety bonds, and is a dealer in silos and silo fillers. His farm covers 225 acres, and all its equipment is modern.

Mr. Wood is past tax collector and past justice of the peace. He has served four terms as supervisor of the town and during that period the town's present network of modern roads was largely built. For this development his efforts were chiefly responsible, since he had long crusaded for good roads and as supervisor found the means to carry such a program into effect. His success in business and his contributions in public life have won him recognition as one of the progressive citizens of the county.

Mr. Wood is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with Cascade Lodge, No. 427, Free and Accepted Masons, at Oak Hill. A Methodist in religious faith, he serves as a trustee of his church. Hunting is his favorite recreation.

On October 9, 1912, Gordon H. Wood married Mary M. Plank. Mrs. Wood has served as postmaster of Cooksburg for thirty-two years and is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. There are two children of this marriage: 1. Walter H., born August 12, 1913, educated in local schools and at Bronxville Concordia Institute, now a truckman. He is affiliated with Cascade Lodge, No. 427, Free and Accepted Masons. Walter H. Wood married May Seeley and they have one daughter, Irene Ruth. 2. Ruth A., born March 20, 1916, a graduate of Greenville Central School and Albany Business College. She married Edward Van Auken, a truckman and a member of Cascade Lodge, No. 427, Free and Accepted Masons. They have a daughter, Suzanne, and a son, John Edward, born January 1, 1941.

REGINALD VAN WOERT, M. D.—Almost twenty years ago, Dr. Reginald Van Woert began the practice of medicine at Ravena. During the course of his career in this community he has risen steadily in his profession and is today one of the leading physicians of the Ravena section.

Dr. Van Woert was born near Athens, in Greene County, on April 2, 1896, son of John K. and Helen (Kittle) Van Woert. His father, who was also born near Athens and who died on June 14, 1930, was a farmer in Greene County, an influential Republican, supervisor of his town for a number of years and justice of the peace. The mother Helen (Kittle) Van Woert, was born at West Ghent, Columbia County.

Reginald Van Woert was educated in the graded schools of the town of Athens, attended Coxsackie High School, from which he was graduated in 1914, spent one year in pre-medical work at Union College and then entered Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1920. During 1920-21 he served his interneship at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, and in April, 1921, came to Ravena, where he immediately established his practice. During the intervening years he has been actively engaged in professional responsibilities incident to his large general practice. In addition he has served as village health officer since 1931 and is school physician and local surgeon for the New York Central Railroad.

Dr. Van Woert, who is well known among the members of his profession in Albany County, is affiliated with the County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the Masonic Order. A Republican in politics, he actively supports the principles and candidates of his party, and in religious faith is a member of the Methodist Church. Motorcycling, swimming and photography are his hobbies.

On October 6, 1928, at Ravena, Dr. Van Woert married Augusta Smith, daughter of George A. and Augusta (Dietz) Smith. They are the parents of one daughter, Helen Augusta, born in Albany on June 3, 1931.

JOHN J. DOUGHERTY—It is hard to conceive of a better man for his position of administrator of the Veterans' Relief Bureau, Troy, New York, than the present incumbent, John J. Dougherty. He knows men and business and war, because he has had extensive experience in these and in other fields of human activities. His outlook on life is that of the humanitarian combined with that of practicality. His own years have been those of making his own way since youth, solving problems as they arose, and of a constant faith in his country and city, their people and the American way of life.

He was born in Troy, New York, May 10, 1898, son of John and Annie (Burns) Dougherty, both natives of Troy and both living, his father being a retired merchant. The son was educated in the St. Patrick parochial schools and La Salle Institute, as were his two sons and both of their grandfathers. The first employment of importance in which Mr. Dougherty engaged was with the American Locomotive Works in their plant at Schenectady. He worked in the purchasing department until the United States entered the World War.

On June 1, 1917, John J. Dougherty enlisted in the Medical Detachment of the 105th Infantry, United States Army. After serving for some time in this area guarding government property and waterways, Mr. Dougherty was sent to Camp Wadsworth at Spartansburgh for training. With other members of the 105th Regiment he sailed from Newport News on May 17, 1918, and arrived overseas on May 30, that year. He served in all the principal engagements in which the 27th Division participated and which resulted in the breaking of the famous Hindenberg Line. In the last battle in which the 105th engaged at St. Souplet, France, Mr. Dougherty was gassed in action and was sent to a field hospital for treatment. He was still confined to the hospital when the Armistice was signed. However, he was discharged in time to set sail for America with other members of the 105th from LeMons in February, 1919. He was honorably discharged from the service at Camp Upton on April 1, 1919.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Dougherty resumed his position in the American Locomotive Works, at Schenectady, remaining until 1924. Then for about four years he was a solicitor for the Metropolitan Insurance Company in Troy. From 1928 to 1932 he was with the Ford Motor Company at Green Island; and from then to 1935 acted in various superintendent capacities with the Troy Public Water Works Department.

In 1934 Mr. Dougherty was appointed an investigator in the local Veterans' Bureau. From 1935 to 1937 he served as Rensselaer County deputy sheriff during the administration of former Sheriffs Chester J. Atkinson and John Higgins. He became administrator of the Veterans' Bureau on July 1, 1937. In 1940 he had an average of two hundred and fifty veteran relief cases under his supervision. This, however, does not include some one thousand or more cases in which he and members of his staff assist in obtaining compensation for veterans, widows pensions, hospitalization for the veterans and various other phases of assistance to the veterans and their families.

In 1936 Mr. Dougherty was chairman of the committee in charge of the State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars which brought thousands of visitors to Troy. He is a member of Trojan Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Noble Callahan Post, American Legion and the Army and Navy Union. He has been a County Commander in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served on various committees of the other organizations. Of the Catholic faith, he attends St. Patrick's Church, Troy.

On February 14, 1920, at Troy, New York, John J. Dougherty married Helen McGrath, daughter of John E. and Dora (Metzner) McGrath. Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty are the parents of the following children: 1. Helen, born March 17, 1921. 2. Edward, born October 25, 1922. 3. John, born June 24, 1924. 4. Jean Marie, born June 25, 1926. 5. Daniel, born in January, 1931. 6. Thomas, born in June, 1935.

MICHAEL J. CALLAHAN—Men like Michael J. Callahan, of Troy, owner and operator of one of the Capital Region's oldest and largest moving and storage businesses, exemplify what has been called "the typical American success story." It is usually, as in this case, the tale of an important man who, starting as a boy under the handicap of a lack of means and opportunity to gain an education, works his way to the top. Industry, perseverance, thrift and courage, these were the simple qualifications that brought reward. And it should be realized that seldom does one do well in his own enterprises without contributing directly to the welfare of the community in which he lives.

Mr. Callahan was born in Troy, New York, July 8, 1896, son of the late Michael and Mrs. Mary (Sheedy) Callahan. His mother, still living, is a native of Ireland who was brought to the United States as a young girl. Michael Callahan, born in Rochester, New York, moved to Troy in his youth. For many years he was the coachman for the Gale family, a genuinely beloved and respected gentleman. There were little means to provide Michael J. Callahan, the son, with an education, and he was but a boy of thirteen years when he secured a job in a Troy grocery store. Three years later he was a fullfledged teamster, capable of handling horses in the crowded streets of the city, and to hold his own with any other driver. He had not yet reached his majority when, in 1914, he entered the employ of William Lee & Company, then operated by William H. Lanigan. This business, founded in 1859, to do general trucking, has had many good years and bad in its history, but has never failed to have a good man take control in a time of crisis. The concern has also kept abreast of changes in transportation, and Mr. Callahan came in just about the time when the advantages of the motor truck became evident, and his whole association with the company has been marked by the increasing use of gas powered vehicles. Another advance has been the addition of storage facilities, and William Lee & Company is now an establishment that can do everything required of a moving concern, from taking care of things until they are shipped to conveying them to the far corners of the United States. Mr. Callahan has been the sole owner and directing head of the business since 1932, and has made it an important concern. It is worthy of note that he purchased the business at the depth of the national financial depression, and has progressed through the uncertain years since that time. Like others of his generation he served the United States in the army during the World War. His religious affiliations are with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In Troy, New York, on February 23, 1923, Michael J. Callahan married Barbara Schwarz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schwarz.

CLARENCE F. ACKERKNECHT, M. D.—Specializing in obstetrical practice, Dr. Clarence F. Ackerknecht is one of Schenectady's leading physicians and hospital workers.

Dr. Ackerknecht was born September 15, 1895, in Johnstown, New York, son of Ernest and Martha L. (Klaus) Ackerknecht. His paternal grandfather, Ferdinand Ackerknecht, became the founder of a leather business in Johnstown in 1859, and was active in it for the rest of his life, also serving in the Civil War as a member of the 105th New York Infantry Regiment. Ernest Ackerknecht, who was born in 1858 in New York City and died May 26, 1915, carried on the leather manufacturing business in Johnstown until his death. His wife, Dr. Clarence F. Ackerknecht's mother, Mrs. Martha L. (Klaus) Ackerknecht, was born in 1870 near Leipzig, Germany.

Public schools in Johnstown, his New York State birthplace, provided Clarence F. Ackerknecht's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school there in 1913. He then became a student at Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1918. In 1923 he was made a Doctor of Medicine by Albany Medical College, after which he served a year's interneship at Ellis Hospital, in Schenectady, then began his general practice of medicine here. Since that time he has continued this work, and at the time of writing he specializes in obstetrical practice.

He is assistant attending obstetrician at Ellis Hospital and holds membership in the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He served his country in a professional capacity during the World War, being stationed for six months with Mobile Hospital, No. 100, overseas, in the American Expeditionary Forces. Many honors have come to Dr. Ackerknecht in the course of his medical work, among them his election as president of the County Medical Society for the year 1937-38 and his appointment to the board of Glen Ridge Sanitarium, on which he served for six years. Politically Dr. Ackerknecht is a Republican. He belongs to the Mohawk Golf Club and St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4, Free and Accepted Masons (in Johnstown). He attends St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church. His fraternal memberships are with Sigma Pi at Cornell University and Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity.

Dr. Clarence F. Ackerknecht married, September 17, 1923, May Elizabeth Kleitz, of Albany, New York, daughter of William Kleitz. They became the parents of three children: 1. William Charles Ackerknecht, born in 1925, a student at Albany Academy. 2. Carol Ackerknecht, born in 1927, a junior high school student in Schenectady. 3. Grace Elizabeth Ackerknecht, born in 1932.

WILLIAM DONALD GARDNER—In 1935, William Donald Gardner established the Gardner Funeral Home at Coxsackie, of which he has since been owner

C. F. Ackerknecht M.D.

and operator. Thoroughly trained in his profession, he has become one of the leading funeral directors of this section and a well-known figure in its civic life.

Mr. Gardner was born at Coxsackie on July 14, 1912, son of Irving and Emma (Cochran) Gardner. His father, who died of influenza during the World War period, was a jeweler. His mother is still living. Both were born in Coxsackie.

William Donald Gardner was only six years old when his father died. Reared by his mother, he attended the Coxsackie public schools and while he was still in high school, served his apprenticeship in his present profession with W. E. Brady, Coxsackie funeral director. After his graduation from high school in 1931, he took a course at the Renaud Training School of Embalming in New York City. Further experience at Glens Falls and later at Saugerties added to his qualifications, and when he established his own business in Coxsackie he was successful virtually from the beginning. The Gardner Funeral Home, founded in 1935, is tastefully furnished and is modern throughout in all its equipment. All rolling stock used by Mr. Gardner is owned by him.

As a resident of Coxsackie he has also been active in all local civic affairs and at the present time is serving his second three-year term as a trustee of the village. His election to this office is evidence of his standing in the community. Mr. Gardner is a Democrat in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Coxsackie Rod and Rifle Club. A Methodist in religious faith, he has been a trustee of his church for the past five years.

On September 23, 1937, William D. Gardner married Marjorie Herrick, of Woodstock, New York, daughter of Charles Herrick. They are the parents of one daughter, Audrey Herrick, born September 21, 1938.

ELMER M. RASMUSSEN—A man whose interests and activities touch many sides of life, Elmer M. Rasmussen combined with his successful practice of the law, many public services and many connections with social, fraternal and humanitarian organizations and movements.

Born in Troy, New York, February 2, 1910, he is the son of Rasmus and Christine (Nielsen) Rasmussen, both natives of Denmark who came to the United States in 1904. Until his death in 1936, the elder man was in the employ of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad.

Elmer M. Rasmussen was educated in local schools, the Lansingburgh High School, from which he was graduated in 1928, Union College, Schenectady, and the Albany Law School. Admitted to the bar in 1934, he has since engaged in the practice of his profession at Troy. The years have proven him well founded in knowledge of the law, capable in the handling of cases for a large clientele, and popular with both the bench and the bar. It is a matter of common information that Mr. Rasmussen is widely mentioned as the right person for the office of county judge, in Rensselaer County. Many colleagues and people are agreed that he possesses exceptional juridical qualities.

In politics, Mr. Rasmussen is a Republican, nominated by that party for the New York House of Representatives in 1934, and for county judge in 1938. He keeps in close touch with his profession by memberships in the New York State Bar Association and the Rensselaer County Bar Society, acting upon several committees in the latter, and was chairman of the 1940 annual bar society outing, an enjoyable event, and was a member of the committee for the Revision of City Court Acts. He is president of the Oil Pressure Corporation of Cohoes, New York.

A prominent figure in fraternal orders, Mr. Rasmussen is affiliated with Hudson Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 347, Troy Encampment, of the same Order, No. 3; is a Past District Deputy and Grand Master of Rensselaer District, and a member of Rebekah Lodge, No. 45, of Lansingburgh. He is a member of Phoenix Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Troy, a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Iran Grotto, No. 14, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He belongs to the Danish Brotherhood of America, local Godthaab Lodge, No. 183, and the Danish Peoples Society of Lansingburgh. A natural athlete, Mr. Rasmussen has always made time for sports. He was a member of Advisory Draft Board, No. 332, and the Brunswick Sportsman's Club. He was a fine high school and college baseball and basketball player; enjoys sailing yachts, fishing and hunting; and is a member of the Hendrick Hudson Fish and Game Club, and the Troy Boat and Canoe Club, of which he is vice-president. He attends the English Lutheran Church, of which he is vice-president of the church council.

At Troy, New York, on April 7, 1937, Elmer M. Rasmussen married Mildred M. Simmons, daughter of William H. and Greta M. (Leffler) Simmons. Mrs. Rasmussen is a director of the Rensselaer County Women's Republican Club and a member of the Troy Catholic Service League.

WILLIAM J. FAGAN—One of the younger group of business men in Troy, New York, William J. Fagan is the owner and operator of one of the pioneer insurance and real estate businesses of this city. He is a native of Watervliet, this State, born September 17, 1892, son of the late Richard and Mary (Kennedy) Fagan. The family moved to Troy, where their son. of this record. was educated in the parochial schools

Many will remember Mr. Fagan as an unusually skilled baseball and basketball player. He was still a boy when he entered the employ of the Gilbert Geer, Jr., Company, operators in real estate and insurance, one of the oldest concerns in the business in Troy. Mr. Fagan's whole career has been identified with this field up to March 1, 1934, when he established his own office in the Keenan Building. Few brokers in real estate and insurance are better known in the Capital Region, or held in higher esteem.

Mr. Fagan has always taken a constructive interest in local civic and humanitarian affairs. He is a former president of St. Joseph's Boy Club, and has been instrumental in forwarding the Boy Club movement in Troy. During the World War he was frequently to the fore in Liberty Loan campaigns and drives for raising Red Cross and other humanitarian society funds. At one time he was chairman of the accident and prevention branch of the Red Cross in the Fourth District, New York. Fraternally Mr. Fagan is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He worships in the faith of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

At Troy, New York, William J. Fagan married Katherine Smith, daughter of the late George and Mary Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Fagan are the parents of five children, all born in Troy: Thomas D., William R., John G., Katherine A., and Marjorie A. Fagan.

FRANK H. HURST, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Guilderland Center, Dr. Frank H. Hurst is recognized as one of the leading men of his profession in the Capital Region.

Dr. Hurst was born June 29, 1872, in Guilderland Center, New York, son of Henry and Lorinda (Haight) Hurst. His father, born near Berne, Albany County, New York, August 4, 1837, is now deceased. He was an agriculturist by occupation, and was a Republican in his political views. The family in Albany County dates back to Francis Joseph Jackson Hurst, who settled in Albany County and was Dr. Hurst's great-grandfather. The mother was born in 1836 near Scotland, this State.

Public schools in Guilderland Center provided Frank H. Hurst's early formal education, and later he attended the State Normal College in Albany and Albany Medical College, where he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1895. He had subsequent work at the University of Berlin, Germany, where he also received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1896. It was at No. 57 Eagle Street, Albany, that Dr. Hurst began his professional practice, which from the outset was of a general nature, covering all phases of medicine. In 1897 he became associated with the Bender Laboratory. From 1898 he was engaged in practice at Oneonta, New York. He then came to Guilderland in 1904, taking up the practice of medicine and surgery and so continuing down to the time of writing.

He has held a variety of public offices here and is widely known in his profession and in the ranks of civic officials. He has served as medical officer of Guilderland, holding this office for four years. He is a member of the Albany County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. During the World War he served his country as a member of its armed forces, being stationed at Washington for a time and afterward, in June, 1917, going overseas and being attached to the British Army. He enlisted June 8, 1917, and continued his service until honorably discharged September 4, 1919, participating in many important engagements—the battles of "Villers-Bretteneau" and Lons—and being twice wounded, once in the battle of the Somme. In his two years and three months in the service he was commissioned first lieutenant, captain, major and later lieutenant-colonel in the Medical Corps. His connection with the British Army lasted fourteen months, though later he was transferred to the United States Army as assistant corps surgeon of the 4th Army Corps, 89th Division, with headquarters at Toul, France. He served during the battles of St. Michel and Argonne, and was gassed at Ivory, France. Politically Dr. Hurst is a Republican. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with lodge, Knights Templar Commandery, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Helderburg Post, No. 977, of the American Legion. He is also a member of Helderburg Reformed Church.

In Chicago, Illinois, December 23, 1932, Dr. Frank H. Hurst married Dorothy K. Seaman, a native of New York City.

H. K. NIEBERGALL—For many years H. K. Niebergall has occupied a prominent place in the business life of Hudson, where he conducts a large grocery enterprise, operating a fleet of three modern trucks, and carries a wide variety of merchandise to meet the needs of both the city and the rural trade.

Mr. Niebergall was born in 1898, in Rosendale, New York, son of George and Sarah (Bush) Niebergall, of Ulster County, New York, both now deceased. His father was engaged in the grocery business until his retirement in 1920.

Hudson schools provided H. K. Niebergall's formal education. He entered the grocery business with his father in 1912, becoming an apprentice, and in 1920, at the elder Mr. Niebergall's retirement, he bought the business and proceeded to operate it independently. At the outset he made his deliveries by means of a hand-drawn express cart. Later he used a horse and wagon; then a team of horses And

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now he has the beautiful mechanized fleet of trucks referred to above. Three times Mr. Niebergall has enlarged the original store to satisfy his ever-expanding market, and the headquarters of the Dairymen's League in Hudson are at his store.

Quite aside from his work with this business, he has taken a deep interest in the affairs of his community, and has done much to promote the general welfare. He has made a study of the history of the Capital Region and of the special character of local people and their institutions. He is active in the Knights of Pythias and the Methodist Church. His wife is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1915, in Hudson, New York, H. K. Niebergall married Myrtle Clapper, daughter of Adelbert and Catherine (Reed) Clapper.

CHARLES J. SBARBORO—The oldest firm on the main street of Coxsackie to be operated exclusively by members of the same family, according to family records, is that of A. Sbarboro, established in 1887 by Antonio Sbarboro. Antonio Sbarboro was born in Italy, in the city of Genoa. His father had come to America to participate in the famous "gold rush" in the middle of the last century, then in 1859 he returned to Italy to bring his wife and children to the New World. Antonio's mother refused to come because of the hardships that the long ocean voyage of those days must inescapably entail, and died in Italy. Antonio Sbarboro came to America when a young man and worked as a furrier. After learning and practicing that trade for a considerable period, he came to Coxsackie in 1887 and started business operations on his own account in the fruit and vegetable business. His likable disposition made him highly respected in this community, and his business prospered as time went on. In a time when spinach was scarce in this region, he introduced the vegetable, and he also claimed credit for starting the banana business here. Bananas had previously been a luxury, but he found a market for all he could furnish.

As time went on, his sons—Augustus, James and John Sbarboro—took over the enterprise, although the father remained as nominal head of the firm for the rest of his life, which ended in 1918. His was the first Italian family in Coxsackie. The last-named of the three sons, John Sbarboro, went to Plattsburg, New York, there going into business on his own account. He left the two brothers, Augustus and James Sbarboro, to run the fruit and vegetable business in Coxsackie. James still takes a deep interest in the enterprise, which is operated for the most part, however, by Augustus Sbarboro's son, Charles J. Sbarboro. Augustus Sbarboro passed away in October, 1940. It is today one of the leading businesses of its kind in the Capital Region, and has weathered floods, panics, depressions and other seeming cataclysms, continuing its active participation in the community's economic life.

The present active member of the firm is Charles J. Sbarboro, who was born November 29, 1901, in Coxsackie. He studied in graded and high schools here, then went to Villanova, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1924. He came immediately into the business in Coxsackie, and since that time has made it his major interest. He has also taken a lively part in Coxsackie affairs, serving as village trustee and acting for three terms as district deputy of the Knights of Columbus. When the local Rotary Club was organized, in 1937, Mr. Sbarboro was elected president of the organization, so serving until 1940. He is a member of the Coxsackie Hose Company, following closely in the footsteps of his father, who was an exempt fireman at an early period and so continues today. All the members of the family belong to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's.

Charles J. Sbarboro married, June 29, 1933, Delphine Bisi, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles, born July 1, 1934, a student in Coxsackie schools. 2. Delphine, born February 24, 1938.

Charles J. Sbarboro's mother, wife of Augustus Sbarboro, was formerly Antoinette Dondero, of Genoa, Italy. They were married in Coxsackie in 1899, and Charles J. Sbarboro is their only son.

WILLIAM F. NEALON, M. D.—Engaged in the general practice of medicine in Schenectady, Dr. William F. Nealon is one of his city's beloved citizens.

Dr. Nealon was born December 7, 1888, in Hoosick Falls, New York, son of Lawrence and Catherine (Byrnes) Nealon. His father was born in Stephentown, New York.

Public schools in Hoosick Falls provided Dr. William F. Nealon's early formal education. Graduated from high school there in 1907, he became a student at Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1915. He served an interneship at Gouverneur Hospital and at Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, in New York City, for two years. Then came the entry of the United States into the World War, during which conflict Dr. Nealon served with the 27th Division, 106th Field Hospital, and was overseas for a year, with the commission of captain. He was honorably discharged from the service April 4, 1919.

Coming to Schenectady at that time, he began here the practice about which his activities have centered down to the time of writing. He is engaged in general practice, covering all the varying phases of his profession, and is widely known and respected in medical circles. He is a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Politically a Republican, Dr. Nealon is deeply interested in the affairs of his adopted city. He is official surgeon of the police department here, and is affiliated with many organizations. He is a member of Lodge No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Post No. 1002 of the American Legion, and also belongs to the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, in which he joined Beta Chapter in his undergraduate days. He is a member of the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On January 29, 1918, Dr. William F. Nealon married Anna M. Gregg, of Brockwayville, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of three sons: William F. Nealon, Jr., Joseph B. Nealon, and James H. Nealon.

VERNER SHARP—After a long and varied experience in the printing trade, Verner Sharp was honored with appointment to the postmastership at Altamont, Albany County. He received his public school education here and has been identified with some of the local organizations since young manhood. His taking over of the duties of postmaster was especially welcomed by the people.

Verner Sharp was born at Guilderland Center, New York, December 9, 1880, son of Benjamin and Magdelene (Van Auken) Sharp, both of whom were natives of the town of Guilderland, and both are now deceased. The Sharp family settled in Watervliet in the seventeen hundreds, and Verner Sharp's great-grandfather lived there. His grandfather located in Guilderland, and his father operated a blacksmith shop here at one time, even as he did in other parts of Albany County, although longest in Altamont. He was a staunch Democrat and progressive citizen.

After attending the Altamont public schools, Verner Sharp completed his preparations for a vocation with courses in the Albany Business College. He served an apprenticeship with the "Altamont Enterprise," learning the printer's trade, from 1899 to 1905. In the latter year he went with the Slingerland Printing Company, as a compositor, remaining from 1905 to 1917. Then he worked in the United States Government Printing Office, at Washington, District of Columbia, during parts of 1917-18 before returning to Albany, New York, as a compositor with the Argus Printing Company, widely known publishers.

In 1934 Mr. Sharp retired from the Argus Company to take over the postmastership at Altamont to which he had been appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After completing four years in the office he was reappointed in 1938 for a term that does not expire until 1942. One of the oldest organizations in Altamont is the Volunteer Fire Company, of which Mr. Sharp has been a member for thirty-eight years. This long period goes back to days when local hose companies not only served well in the protection of the village, but brought honors to it while attending conventions where dress, fanciness of cart, and skill in competitions won conspicuous awards. Mr. Sharp is a past foreman and secretary of the fire company. At one time he was the mayor of Altamont, and is a former trustee of the village of Altamont. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the local Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the National Association of Postmasters, and a trustee of the Altamont Library Association. In his religious faith he is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

At Gloversville, New York, Verner Sharp married Bertha E. Vroman, born at Knox, New York, daughter of Jesse and Ann (Hoover) Vroman. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are the parents of three children: 1. Geraldine, born in Gloversville, who married James Cullen, of New York City. 2. Verner B., born at Altamont, now attending Union College. 3. Alice, born at Altamont, now deceased.

C. EMORY LOCHNER—Since he adopted the profession of law and completed training for his career, C. Emory Lochner has been engaged in practice at Albany. He is associated with the prominent Albany law firm of Whalen, McNamee, Creble and Nichols.

Mr. Lochner was born in Albany on August 11, 1904, son of Jacob L. and Grace (Terrell) Lochner. His father, born in Albany on December 15, 1869, is assistant treasurer of the Home Savings Bank of Albany. His mother was also born in Albany in 1871.

C. Emory Lochner attended Public School No. 16 in Albany as a boy, was graduated from Albany Academy in 1921 and subsequently entered Williams College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925. In 1928 he was graduated from Albany Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was a member of the Justinian Scholarship Society and salutatorian of his class. Upon his admission to the bar in the same year, he began practice in this city. Since then he has been associated with the law firm of Whalen, McNamee, Creble and Nichols, assuming important responsibilities in its large practice. Mr. Lochner is also active in many civic interests. He is a founder and has served as officer and director of the Albany Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a director and treasurer of the Albany Travelers Aid Society and has been a member of the Albany Council of Social Agencies. During the present defense emergency he was appointed a member and now serves as chairman of the advisory board for the local draft area.

Mr. Lochner is also past president and trustee of the Albany Academy Alumni Association. He is a member of

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the Albany County Bar Association; a member and director of the University Club of Albany; and is affiliated with the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. An active Episcopal layman, he is secretary of the department of Christian Social Relations of his church. Mr. Lochner is a Democrat in politics. Tennis is his favorite sport and recreation.

On November 13, 1931, he married Marian Hapgood, of Altamont, daughter of the late Edward T. Hapgood and Marian (La Dow) Hapgood. Mr. and Mrs. Lochner have one daughter, Alice La Dow, born May 4, 1937.

CHARLES MERRICK McGARVEY—In 1938, with his election as president of the South Texas Development Company, Charles Merrick McGarvey withdrew from his earlier banking connections to devote himself to the responsibilities of his new office. He has been a resident of Albany throughout his career.

Mr. McGarvey was born in this city on March 26, 1880, son of Charles Merrick and Lydia D. (Courtney) McGarvey, natives of this city and now deceased. His father was a partner in the Albany stove manufacturing firm of Van Wormer & McGarvey.

Charles Merrick McGarvey was educated in the public schools of Albany, completed the high school course and in 1898 became associated with the Merchants' National Bank of Albany. After the turn of the century he entered the service of the National Commercial Bank of Albany, from which he resigned after a short interval to manage private interests. In March, 1917, he resumed his banking career with the Union Trust Company of Albany, which was consolidated, in May, 1920, with the National Commercial Bank. Following the merger he remained with the enlarged institution, the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, until December 31, 1938, when he resigned to become executive head of the South Texas Development Company. He is now president of that corporation and a director of the Albany Title Company.

He is a member of the Albany Country Club, the Fort Orange Club of Albany and both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic Order. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On June 29, 1907, he married Florence Austin, daughter of Walter J. and Ada C. (Slingerland) Austin, who were born in Albany County and are both deceased.

EDWARD J. POLAND—Admitted to the New York bar in 1935, Edward J. Poland has engaged in the general practice of his profession in Troy and won recognition as one of the city's most capable attorneys. He is a member of the Rensselaer County Bar Society and of the New York State Bar Association. Since January, 1940, he has been clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Rensselaer County under appointment of January, 1940.

Mr. Poland was born in Troy, May 18, 1910, son of John F. and Anna J. (Kennedy) Poland, both natives of Troy. His father, who died in 1923, was for twenty-five years or more the proprietor of the Poland Restaurant in Troy. After attending St. Mary's Parochial School and La Salle Institute, Edward J. Poland matriculated at Manhattan College, New York, and in 1935 was graduated from the Albany Law School, a Bachelor of Laws. While a student at La Salle Institute, he was top officer in its military cadet corps. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Troy Club. Of the Catholic faith, he belongs to St. Mary's Church, Troy.

WILLIAM M. MALLIA, M. D.—In some fifteen years of practice at Schenectady, Dr. William M. Mallia has risen to prominence in medical circles. He is a leading obstetrician of the city and is active in many institutional connections.

Dr. Mallia was born in Schenectady on September 29, 1893, son of Thomas and Margaret (Bradley) Mallia and grandson of Philip Mallia, who came to this country from Ireland, settling in Schenectady County, where he was a farmer in the town of Glenville. Thomas Mallia was born in Glenville in 1856 and died on September 13, 1913. A machinist, he was employed for many years by the General Electric Company at Schenectady. Margaret (Bradley) Mallia, the mother, who is still living, was born in Schenectady on July 12, 1865.

William M. Mallia was educated in Schenectady public schools, completing the high school course in 1913. Subsequently he entered Union College, where he was a member of the class of 1918, and Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922. He served his interneship at Albany Hospital, where he was later resident in surgery, remaining fifteen months, after which he was assistant resident obstetrician at Brady Hospital in Albany for seven months and resident obstetrician for fifteen months. Upon the completion of this special training he began practice in Schenectady in 1925, limiting his professional activities to obstetrics from the beginning. In this field he has built up a large practice.

Dr. Mallia is attending obstetrician to Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, and in 1941 was appointed a member of the medical board there and also has been physician in the pre-natal clinic of Schenectady Health Center during the past ten years and regional consultant in obstetrics to the Committee on Maternal Welfare of the State of New York. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society and the Schenectady County Medical Society. During the

World War, he served in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army. In addition to his professional connections, Dr. Mallia is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club at Schenectady. He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. John's Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Schenectady. His hobby is the collection of books on the sea.

On April 22, 1925, Dr. Mallia married Ruth K. Clute, of Fonda, New York, daughter of Edwin E. Clute. They are the parents of two children: William M., Jr., born June 8, 1928; and Margaret J., born on June 18, 1926.

ALBERT E. ODELL—In the practice of the law and in public life, Albert E. Odell is prominent in Troy, New York, of which city he is a native and almost lifelong resident. Born here May 13, 1903, he is the son of Edward F. and Sarah (Warnock) Odell, both of whom are deceased. His father, born in England, came to the United States and Troy as a boy nine years of age and early learned the plumbing and steamfitter's trades, which he followed over a long period. In later years he became especially well known as a labor representative of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union.

The academic education of Albert E. Odell was acquired in the grammar and high schools of his birthplace. For his professional training he entered the Albany School of Law, from which he was graduated in 1927. Two years later he was admitted to the bar and from 1929 to 1935 he was associated with the Globe Indemnity Company, at Albany, in a professional capacity. In 1935 Mr. Odell formed in Troy, a partnership with William F. Donohue, under the firm title of Donohue and Odell. This partnership was discontinued in 1938, since which year Mr. Odell has practiced general law without associates. A continuously increasing clientele is the best evidence of his abilities and popularity as a lawyer.

Mr. Odell has been keenly interested in politics since he reached his majority. He came very much to the fore in two municipal campaigns as city chairman of the Independent Democratic Citizens party, under the late Colonel James A. McCarthy. In 1938 this organization was dissolved and merged with the regular Democratic party, since which time he has been active in party campaigns and councils in Troy and Rensselaer County. On August 1, 1940, Mr. Odell was appointed assistant district attorney of Rensselaer County, serving until January 1, 1941. He is a member and, since 1939, a director of the Rensselaer County Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Troy Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. Golf and bowling are his favorite games, which he plays well, helped no doubt by his athletic activities while in school. He was not only a good baseball player while a student, but later played semi-professionally.

THOMAS J. DELANEY—Since his admission to the bar in 1935, Thomas J. Delaney has devoted himself to the responsibilities of his profession in the Capital Region. During this period he has built up a substantial practice in Albany and has recently assumed added duties as corporation counsel of Rensselaer.

Mr. Delaney was born in Rensselaer on September 21, 1911, a son of Vincent and Mary (O'Brien) Delaney. His father, a railroad engineer on the New York Central lines, was also born in Rensselaer; his mother in Albany. Both are still living.

After attending the Rensselaer public schools, Thomas J. Delaney studied at St. John's Academy in that community and at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany and subsequently entered Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. In 1935 he was graduated from Albany Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and upon his admission to the bar in September, 1935, began practice in Albany. His appointment as corporation counsel of Rensselaer dates from January, 1941. Mr. Delaney has appeared successfully in all courts and in a relatively short period has established his position as one of the best known younger members of the Albany bar. He is a member of the Albany County and Rensselaer County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of various non-professional organizations, including the Rensselaer Kiwanis Club, of which he is now vice-president, and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Delaney is a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Rensselaer, where he makes his home. He is interested in sports, which are his recreation and principal hobby.

RANALD EDWARDS MUSSEY, M. D.—Since he began his professional career a little more than a decade ago, Dr. Ranald Edwards Mussey has become a well-known physician in the Troy-Cohoes area. He is engaged in general practice, with some specialization in cardiology, and is active in several institutional connections.

Dr. Mussey was born in Cohoes on April 29, 1904, son of J. Edwards and Jenny (Lind) Mussey and a direct descendant of Private Reuben Diamond Mussey, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His father, who was also born in Cohoes, is vice-president of the Manufacturers Bank of Cohoes and Past Master of the local Masonic Lodge.

Ranald Edwards Mussey was educated in the public schools of Cohoes and at Union College, where he took

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the pre-medical course. He prepared for his profession at Albany Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1928 and served during the following year as interne at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. In the latter year he launched his present practice, which has developed steadily since the beginning. A growing interest in cardiology has led him to some specialization in this field, but his practice is not limited to any single branch of medicine.

Dr. Mussey is assistant attending physician at Samaritan Hospital in Troy and attending physician at Leonard Hospital, also in Troy. He is an associate of the American College of Physicians, a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and a member of the American Heart Association, American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society and Rensselaer County Medical Society. From 1930 to 1935, he served with the 105th Infantry, New York National Guard, attaining the rank of captain, and also held a commission as captain in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps. In addition to his professional connections, Dr. Mussey is a member of the William Floyd Chapter, Sons of the Revolution, and the Troy Kiwanis Club. He is affiliated with the Delta Pi Nu fraternity at Union University and the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Dr. Mussey has also been interested in the Camp Fire Girls movement and is a member of the Northeastern New York Council of this organization. Swimming, horseback riding and bowling are his favorite recreations.

ERNST EDWARD MEYER—Many kinds of activity in the business world have rounded out the life of Ernst Edward Meyer, of Windham, who was president of the National Bank of Windham until his retirement in 1938. He is today one of the respected residents of Windham and the Catskills, and is intensely fond of the country and its people.

Mr. Meyer was born January 11, 1878, in New York City, son of Ernst Edward and Katrina (Stover) Meyer, of New York, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a merchant.

Public schools of New York provided the younger Ernst Edward Meyer's early formal education, and in young manhood he worked for several business houses in New York City. Finally he became associated with the Macmillan Company, publishers, and was making excellent progress there when his health completely broke. He was sent then to the Catskills to recuperate, and such was the state of his health that five or six years elapsed before he was able to resume active work. He then entered the employ of the Windham Post Office in 1904, and, with the exception of four years, remained in that work until he withdrew from it in 1934. He was then tendered the presidency of the National Bank of Windham, holding that post until 1938, when he retired at the age of sixty years. Since that time he has been living in retirement.

A man who has learned to love the country and the people of the Catskills, he has taken part extensively in public affairs. A Republican in politics, he gives his support to every cause that he considers worthy. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Oasis Lodge, a Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, a member of Roundout Commandery, Knights Templar, and an initiate in Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In spare time Mr. Meyer enjoys, as his favorite hobby, the raising of Boston terrier dogs.

DAVID HOWARD RUSSELL LESTER, M. D.—One of Schenectady's most active physicians, Dr. David Howard Russell Lester specializes in general surgery.

Dr. Lester was born February 27, 1905, in Indian Fields, New York, son of Dr. W. D. B. and Stella Steele (Smith) Lester. His father, born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1875, was graduated from Albany Medical College as Doctor of Medicine in 1899, practiced for a year and a half in Grafton, New York, then for twenty years at Indian Fields, then came to Schenectady in 1920. Here he has practiced medicine down to the time of writing, and is school physician for the city schools and a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The mother, Mrs. Stella Steele (Smith) Lester, was born in Salem, New York.

District schools at Indian Fields provided David H. R. Lester's early formal education, and he spent two years at Ravena High School and was graduated from Excelsior High School, Schenectady, in 1922. He went for three years to Union College, where he took his premedical course, and in 1929 was graduated from Albany Medical College as a Doctor of Medicine. He served an interneship at Ellis Hospital, in Schenectady, for eighteen months, then began his practice of medicine on August 1, 1930. Until 1933 he performed a general line of work in his profession, covering all its phases. Then he took postgraduate studies for one and one-half years at the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled, in New York City, after which he resumed his practice in Schenectady, specializing in general surgery.

In addition to carrying on his own practice, Dr. Lester has rendered other service of value. From 1935 to 1939 he was Schenectady County physician. He is a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Politically he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Theta Kappa Psi fraternity, which he joined in his student days. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, being particularly fond of fishing, and he also devotes considerable time to stamp collecting.

Dr. David Howard Russell Lester married, May 8, 1935, Catherine F. Garrison, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Jane (Koons) Garrison. One son, David Allen Whittlesey Lester, was born of this marriage on August 18, 1936.

CLARENCE E. ALVORD—After turning from his earlier interest in the electrical supply business, Clarence E. Alvord established the Alvord Glove Company in Mayfield, forerunner of the business which he now conducts as a partnership with Earl W. Day. He has been a Fulton County manufacturer for almost a quarter of a century.

Mr. Alvord was born at Gloversville, Fulton County, on December 25, 1891, son of Ben and Carrie (Tooker) Alvord. His father, who was born on a farm in Providence Township, Saratoga County, on September 1, 1865, was a glove manufacturer in Mayfield for many years. He is now retired. The mother, Carrie (Tooker) Alvord, was born in Gloversville on December 10, 1865, and is also still living.

Clarence E. Alvord received a public school education at Gloversville. In 1909 he was graduated from high school and in 1910 established an electrical supply shop in Gloversville, which he operated under the name of the Alvord Electric Company until 1917. In the latter year, with his father, he founded the Alvord Glove Company in Mayfield, developing the business gradually until 1936, when Ben Alvord retired. Shortly afterward Clarence E. Alvord formed a partnership with Earl W. Day (*q. v.*), another Mayfield manufacturer, who has since been his associate in the Alvord Glove Company. This company manufactures dress gloves and employs approximately forty people in turning out its product.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Alvord is active in civic affairs and is a past member of the Mayfield School Board, on which he served five years. He is affiliated fraternally with Gloversville Lodge, No. 429, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and is a member of the Gloversville Kiwanis Club. A Methodist in religious faith, he served as Sunday school superintendent for over twenty years and is now a member of the official board of his church. Fishing is his hobby and principal recreation.

On June 14, 1915, Clarence E. Alvord married Irma Stephens, of West Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, daughter of William and Amanda (Garhardt) Stephens. They are the parents of one son, Vincent H., born on September 18, 1916, who was graduated from Syracuse University in 1938 with the degree of Bachelor of Science and is now associated with his father in the Alvord Glove Company. On July 27, 1938, he married Dorothy Willetts, of Troy.

EARL WARNER DAY—During his entire active career, Earl Warner Day has been associated with the glove manufacturing industry of Fulton County. Since 1923 he has had an owner's responsibilities in business and is now head of the Day Glove Company and a partner in the Alvord Glove Company, both at Mayfield.

Mr. Day was born in Mayfield on August 28, 1892, son of William Henry and Emma (Warner) Day, both now deceased. His father was a glove manufacturer.

Educated in the Mayfield public schools, Earl Warner Day began his connection with the glove business with the firm of Christie & Wilkins, Mayfield manufacturers, learned the business thoroughly and until 1923 was employed by several local manufacturing companies. In the latter year he joined his father, William Henry Day, in establishing the Day Glove Company, whose business he assisted in developing. Since his father's death he has been head of the company. In 1936 he also formed a partnership with Clarence E. Alvord and entered the Alvord Glove Company, manufacturers of dress gloves, an enterprise employing some forty people.

Mr. Day is well known in the Fulton County industry and in the life of Mayfield, where he makes his home. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and although he has never entered public life he is an influential figure in his community.

In September, 1910, Earl Warner Day married Jennie H. Pettingill, of Mayfield, daughter of Byron and Frances (Hollett) Pettingill. They are the parents of three children: Barbara, now Mrs. Barbara Whitman, who has two daughters, Lorraine and Sylvia; Shirley, now Mrs. Shirley Henza; and James.

FRANK H. FERRARO—For many years active in the business life of Palatine Bridge and this region of New York State, Frank H. Ferraro conducts the Ford automobile agency here and handles a complete line of Ford products.

Mr. Ferraro was born December 13, 1902, in Canajoharie, New York, son of Stephen and Rose Ferraro, both native Italians. His father was for years the operator of a tavern, and was a Republican in politics, deeply interested in community affairs in Canajoharie.

Canajoharie schools provided Frank H. Ferraro's early formal education, and he spent two years in high school, then formed an association with the Remington Arms

Company, at Ilion. In 1917 and 1918, while the United States was at war, he was with that organization. Then he accepted employment with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, in Canajoharie, until 1920. Afterward, from 1920 to 1922, he was associated with Oran Lape in the garage business. It was in 1922 that he and his brother, Richard F. Ferraro, started work together in their own garage business at Palatine Bridge. Later they had the Maxwell and Chevrolet agency. For a number of years they conducted the Ford agency together, beginning in 1926 and continuing jointly until Richard F. Ferraro's death on June 14, 1939. Richard F. Ferraro, who was born November 5, 1897, at Fort Plain, New York, was formally educated in Canajoharie public schools, attending high school here and the Albany Business College, at Albany, then serving with Company D, New York State National Guard, with the rank of corporal. He was engaged in the automobile business with his brother, as already indicated, for a number of years, and for six years served as justice of the peace at Palatine Bridge. He also was employed for two years by the Remington Arms Company during the World War. Since the death of Richard F. Ferraro, the Ford agency in Palatine Bridge has gone forward under Frank H. Ferraro's management and direction. It employs an average of eight people and handles a complete line of Ford products. Frank H. Ferraro is a Democrat in his political views, and has taken a lively interest in public affairs, notably as an election inspector of District No. 2, of Canajoharie. In the war period, in 1917, he served as a corporal in Company D, New York State National Guard. Mr. Ferraro belongs to the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club and the Canajoharie Country Club, as well as to Gloversville Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Fort Plain Council, Knights of Columbus. He is active in the Ford Dealers' Association, and enjoys bowling, golf, baseball and all sorts of healthful outdoor recreations. He is a member of the Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, at Canajoharie.

E. WILFRED CURRIER—Engaged in the automobile business as Buick dealer at Nelliston and Fort Plain, Elton Wilfred Currier also operates a general insurance agency at Fort Plain and is widely and favorably known in this area of New York State.

Mr. Currier was born September 15, 1899, in Georgetown, New York, son of Floyd and Lillian (Priest) Currier, both natives of Georgetown, in Madison County, the father born there August 24, 1873, and the mother on September 30, 1875. Floyd Currier was a funeral director, with headquarters in Georgetown. A Republican in politics, he held different local offices in the town of Hamilton. The Currier family is an old and distinguished one, dating back to Thomas Jefferson Currier, who settled in Georgetown about 1845, coming to New York State from Vermont.

E. Wilfred Currier attended the Georgetown Union School, in the place of his birth, and in 1918 was graduated from Hamilton High School. He took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Colgate University in 1922, and in 1924 was graduated from the Simmons School of Embalming. In 1922 and 1923 he was associated with the Northern Redwood Lumber Company, at Korbel, California. Then, in 1923 and 1924, he was with his father's funeral directing business in Hamilton, New York. In 1924 and 1925 he was associated with the Oldsmar Land Development Company, in Florida, and at the same time was engaged extensively in the real estate brokerage business in St. Petersburg, that State. From 1925 to 1929 Mr. Currier was connected with the Trask Motor Sales Company, in Hamilton, New York, dealers in the Buick car, and in 1929 and 1930 he served as Buick dealer at Corning, New York. In 1931 he came to Nelliston and Fort Plain as Buick dealer, so continuing down to the time of writing; and since 1923 he has operated a general insurance agency at Fort Plain, where he makes his home.

Politically Mr. Currier is a Republican. During the World War he served with the United States Army as a private in Company A, Students' Army Training Corps, at Colgate University. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the American Legion, the Fort Plain Fish and Game Club and the Fort Plain Club. Formerly he was president, and he is still one of the active members, of the Fort Plain Community Club. In leisure time he enjoys fishing and horseback riding. He is active in the Baptist Church.

Elton Wilfred Currier married, October 29, 1932, in Geneva, New York, Hannah G. C. Stapleton, a native of that place, daughter of Patrick and Hannah (Costello) Stapleton, both born in England.

HORACE EDGAR ALLEN—Operating a general merchandising business in Ames, Horace Edgar Allen handles groceries, meats and hardware, and, along with the business activities in which he has become engaged, he has interested himself extensively in the civic and social life of Ames and its people and institutions.

Mr. Allen was born July 22, 1896, in the town of Root, Montgomery County, New York, son of William C. and Luella (Gordon) Allen. His father, born January 17, 1866, in the town of Root, Montgomery County, and died in May, 1926, was a farmer in that town, long active in town and county affairs, and a Republican in his partisan alignment. The mother was also born in Root in April, 1866.

Public schools of the town of Root provided Horace Edgar Allen's early formal education, and afterward he became a student at Fonda High School. He worked for his father for a time at Ames, and in 1917 became a partner in the elder Mr. Allen's general store. The partnership continued until 1932, when Horace Edgar Allen took over the business in his own right and proceeded to operate it independently. He now handles a general line of merchandise, and is widely known and favorably regarded in the business community.

A Republican in politics, deeply interested in civic affairs, he is active as a member of the Ames Fire Department. In leisure time he is interested in sports and healthful outdoor recreations. He attends the Methodist Church.

In Delmar, New York, on January 21, 1920, Horace Edgar Allen married Rena Barringer, a native of Ames, daughter of Chester and Laura (Alger) Barringer.

ALBERT GRUSSNER, M. D.—Since he came to Schenectady at the beginning of his professional career, Dr. Albert Grussner has been occupied with the responsibilities of his large practice. He is now one of the city's well-known surgeons, with important institutional connections at local hospitals.

Dr. Grussner was born in Budapest, Hungary, on August 1, 1882, son of Jacob and Sally (Adler) Grussner. His father, a civil engineer, was born in Budapest in 1848 and died on February 12, 1905. His mother, also born in Budapest in 1848, died on December 14, 1931.

Albert Grussner was ten years old when he came to the United States with his parents, who settled in New York City. He was educated in the city's public schools, graduating from high school in 1898, and after completing a technical course at New York Technical School, entered Columbia University to prepare for the profession of medicine. In 1904 he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University and served during the following year as interne at Postgraduate Hospital, New York City. In 1905 he began the general practice of medicine in Schenectady, where his activities have since centered. His particular interest in surgery led him, subsequently, to limit his practice to this field. Dr. Grussner is surgeon to Schenectady City Hospital and a member of the surgical staff at Ellis Hospital and Sunnyview Orthopedic Hospital. In 1915 he was president of the Schenectady County Medical Society, a distinction reflecting his professional standing. He is a member of other medical organizations and several nonprofessional groups, notably the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with New Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, with all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Consistory at Schenectady, and Cyprus Temple of the Shrine in Albany. He is also a member of the Shaker Ridge Country Club. Dr. Grussner is a Republican in politics. Fishing is his hobby.

He is married and has two daughters: Ethel, who became the wife of Sidney Appelbaum, of Schenectady, and has one son, Peter Grussner Appelbaum; and Sally Elizabeth, now attending school in Schenectady.

MERLE PECK HODGE—Since 1933, Merle Peck Hodge has been assistant cashier of the Canajahorie National Bank, an institution with which he became associated in 1925. He was born in Ames, New York, October 1, 1892, son of George Hodge, now deceased, and Mary (Day) Hodge, both natives of Montgomery County. His father, who was engaged in the trucking business for many years, was a substantial citizen and prominent figure in Republican political circles.

Merle Peck Hodge supplemented his grammar and high school education with courses in Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. He then joined his father in business, a connection which was continued from 1914 to 1925. His career since then already has been indicated. He has won reputation in banking circles, and is popular with colleagues and clients of the bank and among business men in general. During the World War, he served in the United States Army as a non-commissioned officer. Mr. Hodge is a member of the American Legion, Post No. 222, and of the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club and the Fort Rensselaer Club. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hodge resides in Ames.

DONALD CHRISTIE—After fifteen years of experience in the printing and newspaper business, Donald Christie took over the "Fort Plain Standard," of which he has since been owner and publisher.

Mr. Christie was born in Rochester, New York, on February 16, 1908, son of James and Mary Alexander (Conkey) Christie. His father, who was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 6, 1864, and died in August, 1931, was engaged in the carriage business at Rochester for many years. His mother was born at Killeagh, County Cork, Ireland.

Donald Christie received his preliminary education in the public schools of Rochester, completing his course at West High School in 1926. Subsequently he entered the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1933. Meanwhile, beginning in 1924, he worked on the "Rochester Democrat & Chronicle," with which he gained his initial experience in the newspaper business and rose eventually to the position of composing room foreman. In 1937 he became asso-

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ciated with the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, for which he acted as New York representative during the following three years. His purchase of the "Fort Plain Standard" was made on July 1, 1939, and this long established weekly newspaper is now his principal interest. The "Fort Plain Standard" was founded in 1877 by W. F. Glaessel and has been published continuously since that date. Its circulation is 2,380, a figure representing a complete circulation coverage of Fort Plain and a wide area of the Middle Mohawk Valley. Mr. Christie is in active charge of the paper and its publication and employs a staff of nine people to assist him with the newspaper and his general printing business.

Both as a newspaper publisher and as a citizen, Mr. Christie exercises an important influence in Fort Plain life. He is a member of the Fort Plain Community Club and other local organizations, as well as several professional associations, including the New York State Press Association, of which he is a director, and the Associated Press. He is affiliated with the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany. In politics he is a Republican.

On September 1, 1934, at Rochester, New York, Donald Christie married Marion G. Kellogg, daughter of the late Clinton Kellogg and Myrtle (Dingman) Kellogg. Mr. and Mrs. Christie have one daughter, Janet Alexander, born in Albany on January 3, 1939.

COLONEL W. DAVIS—Since the Beech-Nut Packing Company was first established at Canajoharie fifty years ago, Colonel W. Davis has been associated with the organization, serving in the various branches of the business as he has risen to positions of executive responsibility. He is now manager of the employment department of the corporation.

Born at Fort Plain on January 27, 1875, he is a son of DeWitt C. and Mary (Wood) Davis, both natives of Sprakers and the father a grocery merchant there and later at Fort Plain. Colonel W. Davis received a public school education at Fort Plain and Canajoharie. He was a boy of sixteen when the Beech-Nut Packing Company was organized at Canajoharie in 1891 and entered the service of the company at that time, working in minor capacities. As he gained experience in the various departments, his record brought him promotion and he became a department head. For a number of years he was superintendent of the beef and bacon department, one of the most important in the company, and following this was entrusted with still larger responsibilities as general superintendent of the plant. He relinquished that position after a period of years to take up his present duties as manager of the employment department.

Mr. Davis, who is also a stockholder in the company, is one of the few whose service record in the organization covers its entire history. He is well known in Canajoharie life and a member of a number of the principal institutions of the community, including the Gillam Hose Company, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club and the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Davis is a Republican in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. He is fond of sports and his principal recreations are fishing, hunting and bowling.

In 1904, at Canajoharie, he married Minnie Louise (Burgett) Roser, who was born in this community.

CHARLES E. FRENCH—As president of the Amsterdam Savings Bank, Charles E. French occupies a position of leadership and prominence in his community and in the banking fraternity in this region of New York State.

Mr. French was born in Lisle, Broome County, New York, December 13, 1870, son of Salphronius H. and Mary (Hurd) French. His father was a physician and surgeon, who practiced in western New York State until 1871, then removed to Amsterdam and became widely known in his professional capacity and also as a financier. For many years he served as president of the Amsterdam Savings Bank. A man of exceptional ability and undeviating integrity, he was highly respected and trusted in his community, where he was active in business and civic affairs until his death April 30, 1920.

Charles E. French attended public schools in Amsterdam and later went to Greylock Institute, in South Williamstown, Massachusetts, and the Lawrenceville School, in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Afterward he matriculated at Princeton University, where he was graduated in 1894 as a Bachelor of Science. In April, 1896, he entered the Amsterdam Savings Bank in a clerical capacity, and, rapidly grasping the intricacies of banking and finance, was made treasurer January 1, 1898. On May 4, 1920, he succeeded his father as president, taking up these duties only a few days after the elder man's death. In this post he has revealed a wide knowledge and has evinced always a splendid spirit of coöperation that has made for success along many lines. Since 1901 Mr. French has been a trustee of the bank. In addition to his work with this institution, he is also secretary of the board of directors of the Amsterdam City National Bank.

Interesting himself at all times in general business and banking problems in Amsterdam and in a still wider area, Mr. French is connected with many organizations of distinction. He was secretary of the Amsterdam Board of Trade for fifteen years, later serving for three years as its vice-president, for two years as its president and for a considerable period as a member of its board of directors. From an early period he has been president of the Amsterdam Public Library Board, a trustee and secretary of the board of trustees of Amsterdam City Hospital and custodian of its memorial funds, a trustee of Green Hill Cemetery and president of the Home for Elderly Women, secretary and a trustee of the Montgomery County Historical Society, a director of Auburn Theological Seminary, a member of the Antlers Country Club, a trustee and treasurer of the Masonic Association and a member and Past Master of his lodge in the Free and Accepted Masons. He is an elder and trustee of the Second Presbyterian Church of Amsterdam.

Charles E. French married, September 21, 1904, Fanny Dean, of Amsterdam. They became the parents of two children: 1. Eleanor Hurd French, born December 7, 1908. 2. Marcus Dean French, born July 1, 1913, now deceased.

WILLIAM JOSEPH CRANGLE—Since he began the practice of law at St. Johnsville in 1911, William Joseph Crangle has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He is now serving a six-year term as county judge of Montgomery County, an office to which he was elected after prior service in other town and county posts.

Judge Crangle was born at Williamstown, Oswego County, New York, on September 13, 1886, son of David Marvin and Mary Theresa (Whalen) Crangle and a grandson of William Crangle, who came from Ireland, settled at Brantford, Ontario, Canada, in 1831, and later removed to Oswego County, New York. David Marvin Crangle, the father, was born at Brantford, Ontario, on April 1, 1852, and died at Fonda, New York, on April 27, 1940. He was a blacksmith by trade and conducted a shop at Fonda for forty years. The mother, Mary Theresa (Whalen) Crangle, was born at Saugerties, New York, April 15, 1851.

William Joseph Crangle was educated in the Fonda public schools, where he completed the high school course in 1904, and then entered Union University, Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1908. Following his preparations for the bar in the office of Charles R. Tobin at Fonda, he was admitted to practice by the Appellate Division, Third Department of the Supreme Court in September, 1909, at Saratoga, New York, and opened his own office at St. Johnsville in June, 1911. While developing the general practice to which he has devoted the greater part of his professional career, Mr. Crangle also served as justice of the peace from 1914 to 1925 and as supervisor of the town of St. Johnsville and member of the County Board of Supervisors in 1925-26. In 1928 he was elected district attorney of Montgomery County, taking office on January 1, 1929. During his tenure of nine years his record commended him to the electorate and in 1937 he was elected to the office of county judge. In December, 1937, he terminated his administration of the district attorney's office and on January 1, 1938, ascended the county bench to begin the six-year term as county judge, which he is now serving. He is recognized as one of the outstanding trial lawyers of the Mohawk Valley.

Judge Crangle, who is a Republican in politics, has been active in his party during past years and has long been prominent in civic enterprises of his community. He was first president of the St. Johnsville Rotary Club, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is active fraternally in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Mohawk Valley Country Club and the St. Johnsville Fish and Game Club. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

On June 30, 1920, at St. Johnsville, Judge Crangle married Florence E. Groff, who was born at Palatine Bridge, October 22, 1887, daughter of Charles E. Groff, also born in the town of Palatine, and Orpha (Merselis) Groff, a native of Canajoharie. She was graduated from the Canajoharie High School in 1904 and the Cortland Normal College in 1909. Judge Crangle has two sons, one by a previous marriage to Mary Ellen Kennedy who died in June, 1916, and a stepdaughter: William Joseph, Jr., born on April 27, 1914; James Richard, born December 20, 1929; and Evadna Porter, born March 14, 1915. William Joseph Crangle, Jr., the elder son, was graduated from St. Johnsville High School in 1930, from Tilton Academy in 1931 and from Dartmouth College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1936. Subsequently he entered Albany Law School, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1939, and since his admission to the New York bar in September of the same year, has been associated with his father. He is married and has a daughter, born January 19, 1941. Evadna Porter, attended the public schools at St. Johnsville, and prepared for college at Putnam Hall, Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1932, was graduated at Pine Manor, at Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1936, and the Katherine Gibbs School, in New York, in 1937. She is now Montgomery County Court stenographer.

GEORGE CLAUS VON BORSTEL, M. D.—Carrying on a general practice of medicine and serving as health officer of Scotia, Dr. George Claus von Borstel is one of his community's outstanding citizens, and is respected and honored in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

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Dr. von Borstel was born February 18, 1901, in Brooklyn, New York, son of George and Louise (Bohmann) von Borstel. His father, born at Neuhaus, on the Oste River, Germany, in 1875, came in 1890 to the United States, became a retail merchant in Brooklyn, served in Porto Rico, and Santiago, Cuba, with a Brooklyn regiment during the Spanish-American War, and died in 1900. The mother, Mrs. Louise (Bohmann) von Borstel, was born at Alten-Walde, Germany.

Public schools at Wappingers Falls, New York, provided the early formal education of George Claus von Borstel, who attended high school there and at Poughkeepsie, New York, being graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in 1919. He took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Union College in 1923 and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1926 at Albany Medical School, then served an interneship at Ellis Hospital in 1926 and 1927. In June, 1927, Dr. von Borstel took up his active practice of medicine in Fort Plain, New York, remaining there until June, 1929. At that time he connected himself with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady, working in industrial medicine with them until February, 1933. Since that time he has been engaged in practice on his own account in Scotia, where he has also been health officer since April, 1936.

In addition to his regular practice, Dr. von Borstel is a member of the courtesy staff of Ellis Hospital, Schenectady. He is a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to Cherusker Lodge of the Sons of Herman; the Kappa Sigma and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities, which he joined in his student days; and Wappingers Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Scotia Rotary Club, the Edison Golf Club of Rexford, the Mount Pleasant Shooting Club, the Guan-Ho-Ha Fish and Game Club, of Scotia, and the Schenectady Football Club. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports, and he enjoys all forms of healthful outdoor activity, such as gardening. A Republican in his political views and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Dr. von Borstel takes part in every aspect of the life of Scotia and its environs.

Dr. George Claus von Borstel married, November 15, 1927, Helen Louise Hanks, of Scotia, New York, daughter of John and Maude (Robinson) Hanks. One daughter, Gail Louise von Borstel, was born of this marriage February 22, 1931.

CHARLES S. TRACY—Following prior service as assistant district attorney of Montgomery County, Charles S. Tracy was elected district attorney and has held this office since 1938. He is a well-known member of the Amsterdam bar and has achieved a notable record as a public official.

Born in Amsterdam on January 16, 1905, Charles S. Tracy is a son of John and Katherine (Doyle) Tracy, both born in this city and both now deceased. His father was a shoe merchant.

After the completion of his preliminary education in the Amsterdam public schools, Mr. Tracy entered Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927 and subsequently prepared for his chosen profession at Albany Law School (Union University), taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1930. Meanwhile, from 1927 to 1929, he was associated with Attorney-General Albert Ottinger, and from 1929 to 1931 he was associated with the office of Senator Charles W. Walton in Albany. Following his admission to the New York bar in 1931 he entered the office of Judge Dwyer at Amsterdam and in the same year began the independent practice of law in this city. Mr. Tracy rapidly established his professional reputation and has appeared in all courts, both State and Federal, in important cases. In 1933 he was appointed assistant district attorney under William J. Crangle, then district attorney, and after five years of service, received the Republican nomination for district attorney of Montgomery County in succession to Mr. Crangle. Successful in the 1937 election, he took office on January 1, 1938, served an elective term of three years and was reëlected in the fall of 1940 for another term in which election he was endorsed by the Republican, Democratic and American Labor parties. As assistant district attorney and district attorney, he has won every case that he has personally tried, a record reflecting not only his skill as a trial lawyer but also the thoroughness of his preparation and his zeal as a public official.

Mr. Tracy has also served the city of Amsterdam as a member of the Recreation Commission, to which he was first appointed in 1932 by Mayor Robert Brunagin and subsequently reappointed by Mayor Arthur Carter. In 1934-35 and again in 1939-40 he was chairman of the commission. He is influential in Republican politics and has been a delegate to the Republican convention of the Fourth Judicial District. Mr. Tracy is also active fraternally as a member of Amsterdam Lodge, No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was Exalted Ruler in 1937 and has been a trustee since April, 1940. He has held all offices in this lodge and in 1937 was a delegate to the national convention of the Elks at Denver. In addition to these connections Mr. Tracy is affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Union College and is a member of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Men's Republican Club of Amsterdam, of which he is past vice-president, the Mayfield Yacht Club, of which he is past vice-commodore, the National Grange, Glen Chapter, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Amsterdam Fish and Game Club, the Reid Hill Sports Club, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Amsterdam Skeet Club, the Antlers Country Club and the Hurricana Club. He is also a member of the New York State and Montgomery County Bar associations. Mr. Tracy is a member of St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam. He is fond of all sports and has made a hobby of golf, boating, fishing and hunting, bowling and others.

On January 6, 1934, at Watervliet, he married Antoinette Wagner, who was born in Albany, daughter of Conrad and Elisa Wagner.

JAMES W. FERGUSON—For many years James W. Ferguson has been engaged in the practice of law in Amsterdam, and as president of the Montgomery County Bar Association and a leader in the civic life of his district he has earned wide admiration and confidence.

Mr. Ferguson was born July 22, 1868, in Amsterdam, New York, son of James and Etta (Stapleton) Ferguson. His father, born in 1809 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, died in April, 1899, came to the United States in 1830 and became a blacksmith in Amsterdam. He was a Democrat in his political views. The mother was a native of Tipperary, Ireland.

James W. Ferguson attended Amsterdam Academy, where he was graduated in 1886, and then became a student at Union Classical Institute, finishing his work there in the following year. In 1891 he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Union College. Studying law in the office of Edward B. White, in Amsterdam, he was admitted to the New York State bar in September, 1893. He then became a partner of Mr. White in the firm known as White and Ferguson, in Amsterdam, so continuing until 1905. In that year he established his own independent practice of his profession, with offices at No. 45 East Main Street, in what is known as the Ferguson Building. Mr. Ferguson practices in all the courts, including the United States District and Circuit courts, and is president, as already indicated, of the Montgomery County Bar Association. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

He serves as general counsel and a director of the Inman Manufacturing Company, and from 1893 to 1940 served the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., in a similar capacity. He is chairman of the board of directors and general counsel of the Montgomery County Trust Company, and has been counsel and a director since the organization of the company in 1912. He is president and a director of the Rockton Realty Company. A Democrat in politics, he was formerly a member of the Public Parks Commission and is chairman of the Amsterdam Municipal Golf Commission. Mr. Ferguson, in addition to his many other attainments, is active in the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce. He was the first president, from 1900 to 1906, of the Antlers Country Club, of whose board of governors he was a member for twenty years. From 1907 to 1910 Mr. Ferguson served as Grand Exalted Ruler of his lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and during his period of rulership the new club house was built and other improvements were effected. Mr. Ferguson is interested in all sports and outdoor recreations, and gives a great deal of leisure time to these.

In Schenectady, New York, June 5, 1895, James W. Ferguson married Anna Gates, who was born January 4, 1868, in Schenectady, New York, daughter of Stephen D. and Rebecca (De Forrest) Gates, both natives of that city. The father of Mrs. Ferguson is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson became the parents of the following children: 1. James Gates Ferguson, born December 14, 1897, in Amsterdam, New York, now in the publishing business in Chicago. 2. Gertrude Leith Ferguson, born September 16, 1899, in Amsterdam, became the wife, on November 7, 1925, of Homer Root Phelps, who was born in New York City; their child, Homer Root Phelps, Jr., was also born in New York City.

SANFORD WESLEY PLANCK—Since he succeeded his father in control of the family grocery business at Canajoharie, Sanford Wesley Planck has operated this enterprise as sole owner. It was first established half a century ago and is one of the oldest of its kind in the Canajoharie community.

Mr. Planck was born in Canajoharie on November 2, 1902, son of Sanford E. and Caroline (Fredericks) Planck. His father, who was born at Sharon, New York, on September 18, 1873, and died at Canajoharie on December 23, 1934, was for some years president of the Board of Education at Palatine Bridge, in addition to the interests of his business career.

Sanford Wesley Planck was educated in the Palatine Bridge public schools; Canajoharie High School, where he was a member of the class of 1922; and at Syracuse University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. After completing his college course he returned to Canajoharie and became associated with his father in the grocery business first established at Canajoharie in 1892 by John P. Planck, brother of Sanford E. Planck. Sanford E. Planck entered the business in 1899, worked with his brother and afterward purchased the business. For four or five years before his father's death, Sanford Wesley Planck managed the business. He has continued it since he succeeded his father as owner, maintaining the traditional place of the family in the Canajoharie business community.

Mr. Planck is also active in the general life of Canajoharie and in several social organizations, including the Canajoharie Country Club and the Fort Rensselaer Club. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Delta Upsilon fraternity and is a former member of the New York National Guard. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Planck is a member of St. John's Church at Canajoharie. He is fond of all sports and turns to them for recreation.

On February 23, 1927, at Canajoharie, he married Virginia Shaver, who was born at Canajoharie on August 8, 1904, daughter of L. James Shaver, a native of Palatine Bridge, and Maude (Wessells) Shaver, born at Canajoharie. Mr. and Mrs. Planck are the parents of four children, all born at Canajoharie: Thomas Wesley, Gwenyth Jean, Sanford Ronald, and Nancy Anne.

PHILIP C. SPALDING—For more than a quarter of a century, Philip C. Spalding has been engaged in the jewelry business at Canajoharie, continuing the enterprise which he originally established in this community in partnership with Frederick L. Wheatley. He has devoted his entire career to the jewelry trade.

Mr. Spalding was born in Canton, Pennsylvania, on November 21, 1886, son of John and Irene (McNett) Spalding. His father, who was born in April, 1861, was a telegraph operator employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad until his death in 1903. He was a native of Canton. His mother, who died in 1893, was born in Leolyn, Pennsylvania, in 1862.

Philip C. Spalding was educated in the public schools of Canton, where he completed the high school course. From 1906 to 1909 he was employed in the jewelry trade in Canton and during the following year was associated with J. Hoy, a jeweler at Dubois, Pennsylvania. In 1910 he came to Canajoharie and entered the jewelry business of F. L. Burton, a connection he continued for four years. At the end of this time he formed his partnership with Frederick L. Wheatley, with whom he was associated in the jewelry business at Canajoharie until Mr. Wheatley's death in 1938. Since that time he has continued alone.

Mr. Spalding is a well-known figure in the business life of Canajoharie and in the jewelry trade of the Mohawk Valley. He is a member of the Mohawk Valley Watchmakers' Guild and of a number of Canajoharie organizations, including the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club, several local Masonic bodies and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Masonic Order, in which he has been especially active, he served as Master of Hamilton Blue Lodge, No. 79, in 1929, and is Past High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter. During the World War period, Mr. Spalding served an enlistment in Company D of the New York National Guard. He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Canajoharie.

On October 25, 1911, in Canajoharie, Mr. Spalding married Zylphia Conrad, who was born at Nelliston, New York, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Russ) Conrad, both born at Sprakers. Mr. and Mrs. Spalding are the parents of two children: Vivian I. and Philip C.

FLOYD W. HOUGHTALING—As one of the leading merchants of Canajoharie and the town's only funeral director, Floyd W. Houghtaling occupies an important position in the community life. He has been a resident of Canajoharie since 1924 and the progress of his career here has been very rapid.

Mr. Houghtaling was born in Schoharie County on November 25, 1896, son of David N. and Eva (Fratts) Houghtaling and a grandson of Norman W. Houghtaling, a veterinarian, who settled in Schoharie County about 1862. His father is a farmer.

Floyd W. Houghtaling was educated in the public schools of Cobleskill, completing the high school course in 1915. After several years at home he moved to Sharon Springs and in 1924 came to Canajoharie as a clerk in the furniture store of R. D. Warren. To qualify as a funeral director, he enrolled at the Syracuse School of Embalming, from which he was graduated in 1926, and upon the death of his employer in 1931, he took over the business, which he now operates in association with his brother, Chauncey N. Houghtaling. Mr. Houghtaling has shown himself to be a progressive merchant and a funeral director able and willing to render every service. The Houghtaling Furniture Co. carries a full line of furniture, linoleum, rugs, wall paper, window shades and many other modern products, including radios, washing machines, refrigerators and carpet sweepers. They have the exclusive sales agency in the Canajoharie territory for Crosley radios and refrigerators. As a funeral director, Mr. Houghtaling has always recognized and fully met his special responsibilities to the community. As the "Canajoharie Courier" wrote of him several years ago:

> Funeral directors are not made—they are born. The modern funeral director must possess a certain inbred gentleness of spirit. Without it he is a hopeless failure, and it is this one quality which decides the success or failure of the mortician.
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> Also, he must be above taking the slightest advantage of a bereaved person in too costly a funeral. Floyd Houghtaling has fully demonstrated to the citizens of Canajoharie that they can trust him under all conditions. And Canajoharie has told Floyd Houghtaling by unstinted patronage that they trust and admire him.
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> Without such men as the Houghtaling Brothers, Canajoharie would not be what it is today.

Mr. Houghtaling is a member of the National Association of Funeral Directors and Embalmers and many local organizations, including the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Canajoharie Country Club, the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Seebers Lane Grange. He is a Democrat in politics and in 1936-37 served as coroner of Montgomery County. A Lutheran in religious faith, he is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Canajoharie. Mr. Houghtaling's favorite recreation is deer hunting.

On February 14, 1917, at Schenectady, he married Leona Lehman, who was born in Schoharie County, daughter of Benjamin and Jennie (Haner) Lehman. Mr. and Mrs. Houghtaling are the parents of three children: Floyd, Jr., born in Schoharie County on May 16, 1920; a graduate of Syracuse School of Embalming, associated with his father in business; Doris Jeane, born at Canajoharie; and Irene Leona, born at Canajoharie.

JAMES E. LOWE & SONS, Inc.—The firm of James E. Lowe & Sons, Inc., long prominent in general contracting work in Schenectady and its environs, is headed by James E. Lowe as president. His sons, Egbert Cameron Lowe and Harold Nathan Lowe, are vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of this organization. The firm has contributed notably to building operations in this region of New York State, having built the "F" wing of Ellis Hospital, the new Schenectady Young Women's Christian Association Building, the Lincoln Baths at Saratoga and many other public and private edifices. When the firm was formerly known as Brown & Lowe, it built the fine modern Young Men's Christian Association Building on State Street, Schenectady, as well as many other structures.

James E. Lowe, president of the firm, was born June 28, 1871, in Caledonia, Nova Scotia, Canada, son of Nathan T. and Annie (Kelly) Lowe, both born in Nova Scotia in 1847, both now deceased. His father was a carpenter. His mother died in 1893. Public schools of Nova Scotia provided James E. Lowe's early formal education, and he early began to learn the bricklayer's trade. He was engaged in work in his trade until, in April, 1896, in association with Thomas C. Brown, he started the firm of Brown & Lowe, at St. Johnsville, in Montgomery County, New York. Later they removed to Herkimer, New York, and in 1904 they brought the business to Schenectady. Here the two men continued their partnership until 1928, putting up many important buildings, as indicated above, and engaging in a general line of work as building contractors.

Since 1928 the enterprise has been continued as James E. Lowe & Sons, and does a general contracting business. James E. Lowe, actively interested in civic affairs, is a Republican, a member of the Rotary Club, Mohawk Golf Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Union National Bank in Schenectady, a trustee of the Mohawk Club and a trustee of the Children's Home and a prominent fraternalist. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Meade Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a trustee of the Presbyterian Church. During the World War, he was actively engaged in construction on Camp Upton, Long Island, and the Government Powder Plant at Nitro, West Virginia. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, particularly such hobbies as golf and fishing.

James E. Lowe married, May 24, 1897, Jennie C. Cameron, of Rochester, New York, daughter of James and Rosanna (Haggerty) Cameron. The children of this marriage were: 1. Egbert Cameron Lowe, of further mention. 2. Harold Nathan Lowe, of further mention. 3. Margaret Jeanette Lowe, who became the wife of Leland Brandhorst, of Schenectady, New York; they have a son, Richard Lowe Brandhorst.

Egbert Cameron Lowe, born March 14, 1898, in St. Johnsville, New York, attended public schools in Schenectady, then became associated with the contracting firm of Brown & Lowe in 1917, at the completion of his high school studies. In 1928, when the present firm was organized as James E. Lowe & Sons, Inc., he was made vice-president, and he so continues down to the time of writing. He is a director of the Schenectady Trust Company. Politically he is a Republican. During the World War he was engaged in internal construction activities with the Quartermaster Corps. He is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club, the Lions' Club and the Schenectady Curling Club. He was elected president of the Schenectady Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers for 1940 and 1941 and a director in the State society. He is a trustee of the Old Ladies Home and a director in the Young Men's Christian Association.

On March 17, 1917, Egbert Cameron Lowe married Elsie Ridley, of Schenectady, daughter of Joseph H. and Emily (Hedghill) Ridley. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Robert Burgum Lowe, born August 23, 1920, attended school and high school in Schenectady, now a student at Union College. 2. Virginia Jeanne Lowe, born November 13, 1923, a student at St. Agnes School, Loudonville.

Harold Nathan Lowe was born November 28, 1901, in Herkimer, New York, and attended public schools in Schenectady. Graduated in 1921 from Schenectady High School, he attended Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania, and Union College, and then be-

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came associated with the contracting firm of Brown & Lowe in 1925. In 1928, when the present firm of James E. Lowe & Sons succeeded the earlier establishment of Brown & Lowe, Harold N. Lowe was made secretary and treasurer of the enterprise. He continues in this capacity down to the time of writing, and is at the same time active in community affairs. He is a Republican in politics; is active in the Schenectady Lions Club, of which he was treasurer for four years and a director for a similar period; and is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club and a deacon of the Union Presbyterian Church. He is also a member and trustee of the Union College Chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Harold Nathan Lowe married, September 27, 1928, Marion Weldon, of Schenectady, daughter of Peter K. and Margaret (Nealon) Weldon. Their daughter, Margaret Susan Lowe, was born November 6, 1938.

LEVI C. TIMERMAN—During the past half century, Levi C. Timerman has been active in many Montgomery County business enterprises, most of which he has carried on independently under his own name. He is now owner and operator of a coal yard at Canajoharie, where his interests have centered since 1923. He occupies an important place in the life of this community.

Mr. Timerman was born at Sprout Brook, Montgomery County, on January 3, 1872, son of George and Lulu (Cooper) Timerman and a grandson of Jacob I. Timerman, who settled in Freys Bush. Jacob I. Timerman was a farmer and local Methodist preacher. George Timerman, the father, who was born at Freys Bush in 1839 and died in 1904, was a farmer in Montgomery County. As a young man, however, during the Civil War, he spent several years in Virginia, where he was ticket agent on a ferry boat at Portsmouth. His wife, Lulu (Cooper) Timerman, was born at Portsmouth in 1841.

Levi C. Timerman was educated in the district schools of Sprout Brook and as boy worked on the family farm in that town with his father. Later he was employed on other Montgomery County farms until 1890, when he became a clerk for Albert Ostrom in his general store at Sprout Brook. Not long afterward he became associated with his father-in-law, James H. Price, in the hotel business at Sprout Brook, a connection he continued until 1896. In 1899 Mr. Timerman entered business for himself as an egg buyer and shipper at Sprout Brook and was so engaged for eighteen years. During several years of this period, from 1901 to 1903, he also operated a creamery. Later he purchased a farm near Ames which he ran in conjunction with his egg business.

In 1917 Mr. Timerman expanded his interests to include the buying and shipping of hay at Canajoharie. This business he continued until 1927. Meanwhile, from 1920 to 1923 he operated the coal yard formerly owned by Henry Fuller at Palatine Bridge. In the latter year he purchased the coal yard of Ward Jones at Canajoharie, an enterprise which has since been his principal business interest. The business is a substantial one, covering the entire Canajoharie area and requiring the services of three employees besides Mr. Timerman. His other activities at Canajoharie include three years from 1934 to 1936, spent in the automobile business with his son, Walter L. Timerman, as local dealers for the Chrysler and Plymouth motor cars, and several years in the feed business, from 1930 to 1934.

Mr. Timerman is a member of the Montgomery County Coal Dealers' Association, the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Bureau and many social and fraternal organizations, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grange, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Canajoharie Country Club and the Fort Plain Horse Shoe Club. An independent in politics, he served as assessor of the town of Canajoharie from 1907 to 1911, and although he has not entered public life since that time he has been an active supporter of many civic enterprises. Mr. Timerman is a member of the Methodist Church. Golf and horse shoe pitching are his favorite recreations.

On July 12, 1890, at Sprout Brook, New York, he married Emma Price, born in Montgomery County on August 22, 1874, daughter of James H. and Frances (Voorhees) Price. They are the parents of three children: Ruth, now Mrs. Brooklyn, born at Sprout Brook on July 9, 1891; Walter L., born at Sprout Brook, October 30, 1902; and Evelyn, now Mrs. Ackerbauer, born at Ames on June 29, 1912.

LESLIE T. WANER—Widely known in business circles in Palatine Bridge, Leslie T. Waner is active in numerous enterprises in this area of New York State, dealing in automobiles, farm equipment and refrigeration appliances. He has interested himself in a wide variety of civic activities and in the social life of his community, and his friends are numerous and loyal.

Mr. Waner was born October 4, 1899, in Canajoharie, New York, son of William A. and Elizabeth (Theophel) Waner, both natives of Canajoharie. His father was for years a farmer in Canajoharie and a member for twelve or thirteen years of the town board. He was an active Democrat and a director of the Canajoharie Milk Company.

District schools provided Leslie T. Waner's early formal education, and he attended Canajoharie High School for two years. From 1919 until 1926 he was employed by Spraker & Hodge, who operated a farm equipment business and a general garage. Then, going to the east coast of Florida, he was associated until 1929 with the Malby

Motor Company, at Daytona Beach, dealers in automobile accessories. From 1929 to 1932 he served as service manager for the Richard Motor Sales Company, at Fort Plain, New York, distributors of the Chevrolet car in that territory. From 1932 to 1934 Mr. Waner was the operator of a general garage at Canajoharie, conducting it in his own name. Then, in 1934, he purchased a garage business from L. M. Spraker, at Palatine Bridge, taking the agency for the trucks of the General Motors and Allis-Chalmers companies and also developing a new idea in farm equipment and Kelvinator refrigeration and appliances. He carries on this work today, centering his activities in Palatine Bridge, and is widely and favorably known throughout the Capital Region.

Politically he follows an independent course. He belongs to the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director, and to the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club and the Canajoharie Country Club. Hunting and fishing are among his favorite sparetime recreations. He also belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and St. John's Lutheran Church, of which he is secretary, in Canajoharie. During the World War, Mr. Waner served as a member of the 2d New York Infantry Regiment, Company D, and also served in Battery C, 265th Coast Artillery Corps, Florida National Guard.

In Deland, Florida, on March 26, 1927, Leslie T. Waner married Frances Chandler, who was born at Daytona Beach, Florida, daughter of Augustus and Martha (Yelvington) Chandler, of Daytona Beach and Deland, Florida, respectively.

LA SALLE INSTITUTE—"La Salle Institute was founded in 1850 for the purpose of providing a sound Christian education for the boys of those parents who preferred to have their sons educated in a private school, with its attendant prestige and where they could be certain that the earlier training of a Christian family would be thoroughly completed. It has given to the people of the city of Troy their only opportunity to have their sons educated in a school for boys taught exclusively by men. In the richness of traditions, in the outstanding men of every profession who form its alumni, and in the value of its services to the citizens of this community La Salle Institute stands alone. Its record of more than ninety years of successful work, is one of which its alumni and its friends are justly proud."

La Salle Institute was founded by the Brothers of Christian Schools, familiarly known as Christian Brothers, a congregation founded at Rheims, France, in 1681, by St. John Baptist De La Salle. It has grown to be the largest congregation in the Catholic Church, having over twenty thousand members. With headquarters at Rome, the Brothers have spread throughout thirty-nine countries of the world and conduct over thirteen hundred institutions of learning with some three hundred and forty thousand students. The Brothers all have scholastic degrees, in the United States being graduates of Catholic University, and all required to secure higher degrees. Their life is devoted exclusively to the service of teaching boys for which service they receive no salaries.

Going from the general to the particular—The Brothers of the Christian Schools first came to America in 1845, and five years later were invited to Troy, New York, by the Rt. Rev. John McCluskey, first Catholic Bishop of Albany. In September, 1850, they started a free school on the site of the present La Salle Institute. In September of the following year, a boarding school was established, charging one hundred dollars for board and tuition. Brother John of Mary was appointed the first director with four other Brothers as associates. The next year, 1852, was the "year of the plague, an epidemic of cholera," and the Brothers devoted all their time and resources to helping orphans during the epidemic. As a result of their work that year, Sr. Mary's Orphan Asylum was established, which has since grown into the Troy Catholic Orphan Asylum. Brother Urvice reported in 1853 that there were one hundred and forty-five pupils in the academy and thirty boarders. Then came a dozen years of slow but steady growth, that eventually called for new buildings and better equipment. In 1866 Rev. Father Havermans, of Civil War fame, began the construction of what was to be St. Peter's College, on Hill Street, facing the site of the present La Salle Institute.

But on St. Patrick's Day, that same year, a landslide entirely demolished the partly completed structure. No attempt was made to rebuild, and in 1873 the city engineer condemned both the school building and the residence of the Brothers. Not until July 14, 1878, was the corner stone of the present building laid and, in September of that year, Brother Famian and other Brothers opened the school under the name of St. Mary's Academy. In 1880 a corporation, known as The La Salle Institute of Troy, New York, was formed, which assumed the mortgage on St. Mary's Academy and parish. That mortgage of $10,000 was not completely paid off until 1909, twenty-nine years of hard, hard labor. The further history of the school should be the tales of the men who have made and taught the institute. Since this is impossible here, some outstanding dates for the statistically minded are given:

In 1880 an alumni association was formed, and the first annual banquet held in February, of that year.

In 1890 Brother Famian was called to his reward.

In 1891 the institute was incorporated under a charter from the University of New York, and for the next nine years the highest academic diplomas in the State were presented annually to graduates.

In 1895 another story was added to the original building. Constant enlargements, improved equipment, were the physical features of the growth of the La Salle Institute since the turn of the century.

In September, 1913, two additional lots were acquired. A gymnasium had been built on it by January, 1926.

When celebrating its Diamond Memorial, attention was called to the fact that the institute had then some three hundred students on its register, a hundred and fifteen in colleges or seminaries, and fifty-eight in the graduating class. Its alumni had more than five hundred members. To quote from the "Memorial": "Since its opening in 1850 it has given to the Albany Diocese many excellent priests and religious. To the city of Troy and the neighboring cities, it has furnished not only loyal citizens but many men who have been prominent factors in the city government. These men have been chosen by their fellowmen because the Institute's training in good citizenship has admirably fitted them as reliable public officials in all departments—executive, legislative and judicial. Thirty-five clergymen and many men prominent in various religious orders look up to La Salle as the home of their early training. It has furnished this and neighboring cities with forty-five doctors and over fifty lawyers and judges. It has sent forth a score of teachers and principals and a host of successful business men. The majority of its graduates reside in Troy and vicinity, and materially aid by their wealth and talents in keeping our community at its high standard of morality and good citizenship. La Salle has the lowest tuition rate of any private high school of the State. Its only endowment is the teaching body that composes its faculty."

In September, 1935, Brother Raymund, F. S. C., LL. D., was appointed director and principal. Under his leadership the student enrollment nearly doubled. In June of 1936 he took over the property of the Troy Country Day School in North Troy and the following September that institution was opened for the freshmen classes of the institute. Today the registration is 575. Two years ago steps had to be taken to limit the number of registrations to the freshmen classes. As a result only those junior high pupils whose regents average an eighty per cent. or better are now admitted to La Salle Institute.

CHARLES P. HOOPES—Since early in his noteworthy business career Charles P. Hoopes has been active in managerial capacities in several large cities. Although a comparative newcomer to the Troy-Watervliet section of New York, he already has made a reputation for himself as plant superintendent and production manager of the Hughes Autograph Brush Company.

Mr. Hoopes was born at Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1892, son of the late Warrick Coates and Anna (Daugherty) Hoopes. His mother, a native of Cork, Ireland, came to Pennsylvania as a girl and is now living in Toledo, Ohio. Warrick Coates Hoopes, born in Pennsylvania, was interested in agriculture all his life. An exemplary citizen he was active in West Chester, Pennsylvania, civic, political and charitable affairs. For years he was chairman of the County Republican Committee. Warrick Coates Hoopes lies buried in the London Grove Cemetery, near West Chester.

Charles P. Hoopes was educated in the grammar and high schools of West Chester, Pennsylvania, being graduated from the latter in 1911. After attending a business college he entered the employ of the United Gas Improvement Company, Philadelphia, in a clerical capacity, remaining to 1914 as a clerk and bookkeeper. Then he went with the Willys-Overland Automobile Company, at Toledo, Ohio, as assistant production manager in the assembly department, a position he filled capably until he resigned to become associated with the Swartzbough Manufacturing Company, of Toledo, as factory manager, remaining from 1917 to 1926. In the latter year he joined the forces of the Owens Staple-tied Brush Company, also of Toledo. In this connection Mr. Hoopes acted as general manager until 1938. It was then that he came to Troy as plant superintendent and production manager of the Autograph Brush Company. Since June, 1940, the corporation has been installed in new quarters at Watervliet. He is a member of the Troy Rotary Club, and is becoming active in civic and organizational affairs. He fishes, hunts, plays a good game of golf, and is a popular addition to any circle.

At Toledo, Ohio, June 3, 1915, Charles P. Hoopes married Florence M. Steele, daughter of George W. and Carrie M. (Scheick) Steele. Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes are the parents of the following children, all born in Toledo, Ohio: 1. Warrick George, born November 27, 1917, a graduate of Toledo University, now a second lieutenant in the United States Army Marine Corps, Reserve Officer. 2. Virginia Helen, now attending Russell Sage College, class of 1942. 3. Joyce Louise, a junior in the Milne Preparatory School, Albany. 4. Dorothy May, also attending Milne School.

JOHN JOSEPH RANDALL, M. D.—To avert or ameliorate pulmonary ravages is truly a beneficent and blessed work and to that end Dr. John Joseph Randall has devoted much of his career.

He was born in Troy on February 3, 1892, son of the late David Randall and Mary (Daley) Randall, both also natives of Troy where the son was educated at St. Joseph's School in preparation for his entry to Albany Medical College. He was graduated Doctor of Medicine in 1917, an unpropitious time for young graduates, for the World

War was on. Young Randall enlisted at once in the United States Army Medical Corps, was commissioned a lieutenant and later promoted to a captaincy. A special study of the lungs and their treatment had all along been his favorite medical topic and his duties now were in the examination of recruits for lung ailments, first in camp at New Haven, Connecticut; later at Syracuse, New York, and at Mitchell Field on Long Island. In this service he stayed patiently until an honorable discharge in October, 1919, was the signal that he might now endeavor to build a career outside the army.

He became an interne at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, and followed this with a general practice in northern New York, principally in Franklin County, but his old interest in chest ailments was predominant and in the exercise of it he was glad to accept, in 1920, an appointment as superintendent of the Cleveland Municipal Sanatorium. Twelve years of this experience in so large a city is a valuable asset to an active and acquiring mind and from 1932 on the doctor's native county of Rensselaer was to be the beneficiary of that knowledge and experience. He became superintendent of the Pawling Sanatorium, the only one in New York State conducting regular bronchoscopic clinics. In 1940 while retaining his office at Pawling he was added to the staff of the Samaritan Hospital at Troy and made head of a new tuberculosis and chest diagnostic department which was opened in the fall. It is considered rather as an extension of the clinic service at the Pawling institution, as offering, because of distance a more convenient service to many patients and physicians.

Dr. Randall is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians; the American Medical Association; the New York State Medical Society; Rensselaer County Medical Society; National Tuberculosis Association; American Public Health Association; the American Trudeau Association; the Troy Country Club.

At Schenectady, New York, in 1918, Dr. John Joseph Randall married Agnes Greulich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greulich. Mrs. Randall died in 1938; there were no children.

RAYMOND HOLMES WARNER, M. D.—During his active professional career in Schenectady, Dr. Raymond Holmes Warner has become one of the city's well known physicians. He carries on a large practice in this community and has been called to positions of honor and responsibility in the service of its medical institutions.

Dr. Warner was born in Cobleskill, Schoharie County, on August 20, 1900, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Holmes) Warner, both born in Schoharie County and both now deceased. On both sides of his family he is descended from the early settlers of Schoharie County.

Raymond Holmes Warner was educated in the public schools of Cobleskill, where he completed the high school course in 1921, and at Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926. Entering Albany Medical College, he prepared for his profession there and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1930. For one year subsequently he served as interne at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, after which he launched his general practice in this city which he has continued since 1931. Dr. Warner has been a member of the medical staff of City Hospital over a period of years and in 1940 was elected president of the staff, an indication of the position he now occupies in the city's medical profession. He is also a member of the courtesy staff of Ellis Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Schenectady County Medical Society. Dr. Warner is also affiliated with Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. In addition to his professional connections he has been active in the general life of Schenectady and is a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce, the Schenectady Automobile Club and Union College Alumni Association. His membership in the Schenectady County Historical Society reflects another of his interests. He is an influential layman of the Dutch Reformed Church, serving as a member of the Consistory of his church. In politics, Dr. Warner is a Republican. He has made a hobby of photography and is fond of fishing and gardening, which are his principal outdoor recreations.

On August 4, 1938, Dr. Warner married Ethel Britten, of Schenectady, daughter of Herman Britten. They are the parents of one daughter, Suzanne Elizabeth, born July 31, 1939.

BENJAMIN CHUCKROW—Prominent for many years in the political, civic and military life of New York State, Benjamin Chuckrow is now recognized as a leader in a number of organizations in Troy, his home city, and in the Capital Region.

Mr. Chuckrow was born October 25, 1895, son of Joseph and Annie (Mott) Chuckrow. His father, who is now deceased, established the business for which the family name became famous in this district, a poultry and provisions business, which is one of the oldest enterprises in Troy. It is known as Joseph Chuckrow's Sons, the "sons" of the firm being Charles, born in 1890; Irving, born in 1898; Benjamin, Max, Saul, David, and Herman Chuckrow.

Benjamin Chuckrow attended Public Schools Nos. 9 and 10, and was a student in high school at the beginning of the World War. He did not complete his high school course, but enlisted in the New York State National Guard at that time and later took part in the World War.

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Enlisting in Company C, 2d Regiment, New York State National Guard, in 1912, he went to the Mexican border with his unit in 1916, there was promoted to the sergeant's rank, and in 1917 was transferred to Company C, 105th Regiment, at Spartansburg, South Carolina. In 1918 he was transferred as a sergeant in the supply division and remained as such in the time that followed, stationed at the port of embarkation, Newport News, Virginia, until his honorable discharge in 1918. Returning to civilian life and reëntering business, Mr. Chuckrow nonetheless kept the interests of the ex-soldiers at heart and made them a matter of his personal concern. Accordingly he organized a relief for disabled veterans in the First Ward of Troy and became a charter member of the Noble Callahan Post of the American Legion, and vice-commander in 1928.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Chuckrow has interested himself in public affairs from many other points of view aside from the military, serving notably as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Rensselaer County. He was also chairman of the Board of Supervisors for eight years and is now completing ten terms, 1921-41, which is the longest record of any supervisor in the history of Rensselaer County. He was a captain in the Salvation Army here for some years, promoting many drives in that connection, and during the World War period was a member of the board of elections at Camp Wadsworth. Mr. Chuckrow was active in Apollo Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with Iran Grotto, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite and Oriental Shrine. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he belongs to Trojan Lodge, No. 27. He is a charter member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association and was one of its directors and a vice-president. He was elected State Commander of the Department of New York Jewish War Veterans, 1936, and also served as a national appointed officer of the National Jewish War Veterans. He was appointed to the New York State World War Memorial Authority by Governor Herbert Lehman. He is also acting on the Live Poultry Terminal Committee, appointed by Mayor LaGuardia, of New York City, which will be completed in 1941. Mr. Chuckrow was credited for the first resolution sponsoring the new Troy-Menands Bridge, and was also on the committee for the erection of the monument honoring the Spanish-American War heroes. Mr. Chuckrow attends the Division Street Synagogue. Fond of athletic sports, he enjoys baseball, basketball and football.

GEORGE OTTO VOSBURGH—With the history and development of Montgomery County the name Vosburgh is prominently identified. Here the family settled early, and many of the descendants still remain, never finding it necessary to go to other parts of the country seeking opportunities for wealth and useful service of their generation. George Otto Vosburgh is distinctively of the present century, born on January 11, 1900, at Palatine Bridge, where he still resides, although conducting a business in Canajoharie. In both places he is a popular and active figure in civic, social and fraternal circles.

The parents of Mr. Vosburgh are John C. and Lelah (Kilts) Vosburgh, both natives of Montgomery County. Grandfather Jeremiah Vosburgh was born January 4, 1839. John C. Vosburgh has long been a leader in the county, was a former mayor of Palatine Bridge, and is a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was the founder of the firm which the son, of this record, now manages. In the beginning the business had to do mostly with custom sawing and the grinding of grains.

George Otto Vosburgh received the advantages of a sound education in the Palatine Bridge grade schools and the Canajoharie High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1918. This was supplemented by a year of study in Cornell University, and another year at Union College, Schenectady. While attending Cornell he became a member of the Students Army Training Corps.

Even before he began his business career, Mr. Vosburgh had grown familiar with his father's enterprises, and was well prepared to carry on when he became associated with the older man in the operation of the firm, known as J. C. Vosburgh & Sons, and of which he is general manager. The business was founded about 1903, and, as indicated, was given over to lumber sawing and grain and feed grinding. The scope of its activities has changed somewhat and expanded so that J. C. Vosburgh & Sons should be rated now as dealers in lumber, paint and builder's supplies, feeds, electrical appliances and oil heaters. Its field is wide and clients many. On the average a dozen people are employed, and its contribution to the prosperity of Canajoharie is genuinely important.

Apart from business, George Otto Vosburgh has a variety of interests. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce; of the Kiwanis Club, serving as president in 1929; and member of the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association; director of Canajoharie National Bank; president and director of Canajoharie Building, Savings and Loan Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Raymond Smith Post of the American Legion. He belongs to the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club, and the Canajoharie Country Club. He plays golf, but bowling is probably his favorite game. He attends St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

At Johnstown, New York, on June 28, 1924, George Otto Vosburgh married Llora Dievendorf, born in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of George Schuyler and Anna

(Wessell) Dievendorf. Her father was born in Currytown, New York, October 28, 1860, and died in September, 1929, while her mother was born July 8, 1865, at Gloversville, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Vosburgh are the parents of three sons, all born in Palatine Bridge: 1. George Robert, born October 14, 1925. 2. Dean Everett, born January 22, 1927. 3. John C., born September 10, 1936.

MELVIN BELDING HASBROUCK, D. O.—Engaged in a general practice of osteopathy, Dr. Melvin Belding Hasbrouck is recognized as one of Albany's leading citizens and professional men.

Dr. Hasbrouck was born May 14, 1897, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, son of Henry and Eliza (Belding) Hasbrouck and a descendant of Jean Hasbrouck, who came from Calais, France, to this country in 1673, and settled in Ulster County, New York, according to family records. Henry Hasbrouck, Dr. Hasbrouck's father, was born July 23, 1850, in Stone Ridge, Ulster County, New York, and died May 1, 1911. The mother was born February 15, 1864, in Chicago, Illinois. The father was for years a brick manufacturer in Olean, New York, and in politics was a Republican.

Public schools in New York State provided Dr. Melvin Belding Hasbrouck's early education, and in 1914 he was graduated from Syracuse High School. In 1922 he took the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy at the Chicago College of Osteopathy. He started his practice of his profession in Chicago in that year, remaining there for ten years. Then, in 1932, Dr. Hasbrouck established an office in Albany, where he has carried on his work down to the time of writing. He is engaged in a general practice of osteopathy, with headquarters in the National Savings Building, at No. 90 State Street. At the fifty-second annual convention of the New York State Osteopathic Society, Dr. Hasbrouck was elected president of the organization. He had served three years as secretary of the society; is a past president of the Hudson River North Osteopathic Society; and is a member of the Bureau of Censorship of the American Osteopathic Association.

Active also in civic affairs, Dr. Hasbrouck is a member of the Albany Kiwanis Club and is chairman of its vocational guidance committee. He is a member of the lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter, Free and Accepted Masons. During the World War, he served aboard the United States steamship "Leviathan" as a petty officer with the Hospital Corps, from the time of his enlistment in 1918 until he was honorably discharged in September, 1919. He is now active in the American Legion. Dr. Hasbrouck is also a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

In Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Melvin Belding Hasbrouck married, November 30, 1922, Florence Johnson, who was born November 7, 1897, in Austin, Texas, daughter of W. W. and Caroline (Voss) Johnson, both natives of Texas, the mother of Austin. Dr. and Mrs. Hasbrouck are the parents of two children: 1. Caroline Belding Hasbrouck, born December 20, 1923, in Chicago, Illinois. 2. Henry Hasbrouck, born August 20, 1926, in Memphis, Tennessee.

CHARLES G. MALOY—As a practicing lawyer in Troy, Charles G. Maloy is a member of the firm of Kahn and Maloy, of Albany, and in a number of public offices, including those of assistant district attorney and district attorney, he has effectively served the people of his community and of Rensselaer County.

Mr. Maloy was born March 20, 1904, in Rensselaer, New York, son of John F., now deceased, and Katherine (Loftus) Maloy. His father's profession was that of marine engineer.

Charles G. Maloy graduated from St. John's Academy, in Rensselaer, and later became a student at Manhattan College, New York City, and at Albany Law School, where he was graduated in 1929 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He then associated himself with Kahn and Maloy, of Albany, in which firm his partner was Henry S. Kahn. Continuing his practice in Troy as a member of this firm, Mr. Maloy has since given up the more active phase of his professional work in order to devote himself to public service. From 1930 to 1934 Mr. Maloy was a city judge of the city of Rensselaer. Then he resigned to accept an appointment as assistant district attorney of Rensselaer County, to which office he was reappointed in 1937. In 1940 he was appointed district attorney of this county to serve until January 1, 1941, with offices in the County Courthouse, in Troy.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Maloy is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Rensselaer County Bar Association and the New York State District Attorneys' Association. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rensselaer, is now Chancellor of his Knights of Columbus Council, and belongs to Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also active in the affairs of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. In leisure time Mr. Maloy particularly enjoys such healthful sports as softball and bowling.

Charles G. Maloy married, August 17, 1935, in Rensselaer, New York, Anna Mae Cashman, daughter of R. G. and Anna (Powers) Cashman.

A. VEDDER MAGEE—Among the realtors of Schenectady over a long period, A. Vedder Magee has been an outstanding figure. Fortunate in choosing to make a career of the real estate business in youth, he

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early established a reputation for sound judgment, almost prophetic foresight and courageous enterprise that has grown with the years. His knowledge of realty values, of the history of pieces of property, of the law applicable to real estate, is proverbial, and has caused him to be called frequently by government authorities, local, State and Federal to serve in varied capacities. His endeavors and those of leaders of his vocation, everywhere, have contributed directly and importantly to the progress of communities with which they were identified.

Mr. Magee was born February 19, 1876, in Schenectady, New York, son of Richard Hilton and Tamason (Hagadorn) Magee. His father, born in Albany County, was for years a carriage builder in Schenectady until his death and directed the firm of Hilton Magee for about a half century. The mother, born in the town of Glenville, Schenectady County, is now also deceased.

The public schools of Schenectady, his birth city, provided A. Vedder Magee's early education, and after completing his high school studies he read law for two years with Judge Edward D. Cutler. It is noteworthy that the youth during all this period of study was always taking any job that would add to his income and relieve his parents of responsibilities.

The turn in the tide in Mr. Magee's life came when he was still a year short of his majority, when he went with the law firm of James A. Goodrich where, in connection with his further law studies, he was given charge of the real estate holdings and investments of Mr. Goodrich, a post he filled for many years. This was invaluable experience, the contacts with realtors and estates, the collection of rentals, making contracts, superintending the renovation of old buildings, securing workmen when this was difficult, all when he was in his early twenties. His efficiency led older men to wonder and to comment on his versatile qualifications and executive abilities.

Mr. Magee went into a general business of real estate and insurance for himself on July 1, 1896. His first outstanding real estate venture was the purchase of a large tract of land which his prescience and acumen indicated was the inevitable direction in which the Edison Electric Company would expand. It was a venture that tested his instinct and flair for realty and a trial of all the financial resources he could muster. It is sufficient to point out now, that in 1904 he sold this tract to the General Electric Company, and it is now the site of the southern part of the corporation's plant. In the words of a contemporary, "This was a stroke of genius on the part of A. Vedder Magee, plus unceasing work that at an early age placed him among the leading realtors in the appreciation of property values, a rating he has never lost."

Mr. Magee has been retained by the United States Government, State of New York, and various cities and towns of the State of New York and by railroad companies, as an appraiser of real estate and as "expert" valuation witness in proceedings where realty values were an issue. He has built extensively in and about Schenectady, being the contractor and builder of "The Wedgeway Building," at No. 277 State Street, Schenectady, New York, a large structure consisting of offices and two theatres. It was in one of these theatres that F. F. Proctor, late theatrical magnate, first opened his vaudeville entertainments in this city. Mr. Magee has his offices here and is actively engaged in the real estate business. He has promoted and built up some of the best residential plots in the city of Schenectady.

In politics, Mr. Magee is a Democrat. Once he stood for election to public office and was defeated. He learned a lesson that few men do, that it is not wise to mix politics with business. The experience in no way hardened him or changed his public spirit, for he has constantly been to the fore in civic affairs, always ready to do his utmost to promote the best interests of the community. He was one of the organizers of the Schenectady Taxpayers' Association and was elected its first president, holding this office for three terms. He is vice-chairman of the Citizens' Public Expenditure Survey, Inc., an affiliate of the Tax Foundation of New York State; and is president of the Taxpayers Federation of the State of New York. Mr. Magee was delegated by Governor Herbert Lehman, of New York, to represent the State of New York at the thirty-first annual conference of the National Tax Association held in Detroit, Michigan. He was the author of the plan to build a bridge at the foot of State Street crossing the Mohawk River to the village of Scotia and to the western part of the State and which, when completed, was named "The Great Western Gateway Bridge."

Fraternally, Mr. Magee is affiliated with Truth Lodge, No. 388, Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Schenectady Real Estate Board and of the State and National Real Estate associations. For years he has been active on the advisory and finance boards of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady and a generous supporter of religious and humanitarian projects. At the present time he makes his home at the beautiful country place, known as "Green Hills" in Niskayuna, New York.

On February 19, 1938, A. Vedder Magee married Richie Clark Russell, of Altamont, New York, formerly of Minnesota, daughter of Richard M. and Emma L. (Russell) Clark.

RUFUS WILES—Agriculture and banking have comprised the major activities of Rufus Wiles, who is president of the Fort Plain National Bank, of Fort Plain.

Mr. Wiles was born July 8, 1874, in the town of Minden, Montgomery County, New York, son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Hess) Wiles and member of an old and established family. His great-great-grandfather, Jost Henry Wile, an early settler in Montgomery County, served in the Revolutionary War in 1779 as a private in Captain Adam Leipe's company, in a New York regiment. Aaron Wiles, Rufus Wiles' father, who was born June 17, 1830, in the town of Minden, this county, and died November 21, 1911, was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in his political views. The mother was born May 22, 1838, in the town of Minden, and died June 25, 1923.

Public schools of the town of Minden provided Rufus Wiles' early formal education, and he started work early in life on his father's farm. He has continuously farmed in the town of Minden until his removal to Fort Plain in 1926, since which time he has lived here. A director of the Fort Plain National Bank since 1923, Mr. Wiles became president of the bank in 1936.

He is also president of Fort Plain Cemetery Association and is interested in a variety of undertakings in his community. He belongs to the Dairymen's League Coöperative Association. He continues his deep interest in farming. He is politically a Democrat, belongs to the Fort Plain Fire Department, is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and attends the Lutheran Church.

On November 30, 1912, in the town of Stark, Herkimer County, New York, Rufus Wiles married Caroline D. Elwood, who was born June 9, 1872, in that community, daughter of David B. and Martha (Springer) Elwood. Her father was born in the town of Stark on May 3, 1831, and died there February 11, 1888. Her mother was born in the town of Warren on March 4, 1836, and died February 12, 1915.

GEORGE A. DEANE—Extensively engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Catskill, George A. Deane holds the respect, admiration and confidence of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life.

Mr. Deane was born August 1, 1880, in Chicago, Illinois son of J. Henry and Mary C. (Losee) Deane. His father, who came from New Baltimore, New York, and who died in 1938, went in young manhood into the railroad industry in association with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and later was associated with the Catskill Mountain Railroad. He then went into the present business. For several years he served as coroner of Greene County, and he was also a county supervisor. Active in Catskill Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, he was a member of other Masonic bodies and was a Past Master of his lodge. At one time he was president of the Rip Van Winkle Club, and at different periods he acted as a director of the Catskill Savings and Loan Association and as a trustee of the village. The mother, Mrs. Mary C. (Losee) Deane, of Greenville, Greene County, died in 1929.

Public schools of Catskill provided George A. Deane's early formal education, and afterward he was a student at the United States College of Embalming in New York City. In 1909 he became associated in the furniture and undertaking business with his father, and thereafter he devoted himself to the continuance of this work. The business was organized in 1882 by Dr. James A. Deane and W. A. Post under the firm name of Post & Deane. Later J. Henry Deane bought Mr. Post's interests in 1902, when the firm became Deane & Deane. In 1909 George A. Deane bought the interest of Dr. Deane, the firm continuing as Deane & Deane. J. Henry Deane died in 1938, whereupon the son, George A. Deane, took over full control and operation of the business. The firm has a completely modern funeral chapel and a beautiful furniture showroom.

George A. Deane also takes a lively part in community affairs in Catskill and vicinity. Politically he is a Democrat. He was formerly president of the Rip Van Winkle Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Catskill Lodge, Catskill Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters, Hudson Commandery, Knights Templar, and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (in Albany). For many years Mr. Deane has acted as a trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Catskill.

On October 21, 1903, George A. Deane married Harriet Kemp, of New York City. They became the parents of Mary Emily Deane, who, after graduation from Catskill schools, became a student of art in New York City; she married P. C. Beattie, of New York.

LEO M. SCULLY—Widely and favorably known in the business world, Leo M. Scully operates the Port of Albany Foundries, Inc., which makes a line of cast brass plumbers' supplies and employs about forty people, centering its activities in Coxsackie.

Mr. Scully was born October 5, 1899, in Coxsackie, New York, son of James M. and Clara E. (Ritz) Scully. His father, who came from Greenport, New York, was for years associated with the American Valve Company, in Coxsackie. The mother came from Ellicott City, Maryland.

Leo M. Scully completed his formal education through the eighth grade of the public schools here, then in young boyhood began working with the American Valve Company's river plant. He was connected with the plant's shipping department. After five years the company moved to West Coxsackie and another company was organized under the name of the All Brass Company, which bought the local plant. Mr. Scully became a pattern maker's apprentice, and after serving for a time in that capacity worked in different branches of the plant until he gained a

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full knowledge of the business. Finally he was made foreman about 1926. In 1929 this firm went out of business entirely, after which it was reorganized as the Port of Albany Foundries, Inc. This firm operated as such for about two years, ceasing operations in 1931. Mr. Scully at that time took over the entire business and began running it on his own account. Since that time he has conducted the business as sole owner and proprietor, making a fine line of cast brass supplies for plumbers and distributing them to all parts of New York State and New England and to many other regions, including some foreign lands.

Mr. Scully has always interested himself intensely in the life of Coxsackie and its people and institutions, and is a member of the Rotary Club here and of the Knights of Columbus. He was financial secretary of the Knights of Columbus in 1919 and 1920. He belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

On September 20, 1924, Leo M. Scully married Ethel M. Jones, of Stuyvesant, New York, daughter of John C. and Jennie (Ramsey) Jones. Her father was early active in the river boat business, and is at the time of writing captain of the "Alexander Hamilton," one of the Hudson River Day Line fleet. The mother of Mrs. Scully came from New York City.

CHAUNCEY W. COOK—Since 1935 Chauncey William Cook has been president and a director of the Manufacturers' National Bank, of Troy. His contributions to the business life of the Capital Region has been a highly valuable one, earning for him wide admiration and confidence.

Mr. Cook was born August 31, 1887, in Jamestown, New York, son of William Wallace and Clara E. (Dearborn) Cook.

After completing his preliminary education, Chauncey W. Cook attended the University of Michigan. He then started work as a construction engineer and contractor, so continuing until 1914. In 1914 and 1915 he was a mining engineer and mine superintendent in Mexico. From 1915 to 1917 he served as superintendent of a steel plant at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Then came his period of war service as captain and major of engineers in the United States Army, American Expeditionary Forces in France, and later the Army of Occupation in Germany.

While still in France, from 1919 to 1921, Mr. Cook served as general director of reconstruction work in the devastated regions of northern France. Then, returning to Canada, he was assistant to the president of the steel plant with which he had formerly been associated at Hamilton, so continuing until 1922, when he became superntendent of construction for the Foundation Company in New York City. In 1924 Mr. Cook was elected secretary-treasurer of the By-Products Coke Plant in Troy, later in 1929 becoming its vice-president and general manager, and resigning in 1935 to become president of the Manufacturers' National Bank. He is also a director of the Marine Midland Group, Inc.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Cook is a contributor to many worth while community enterprises in Troy, where he is a trustee of Russell Sage College, a director of Samaritan Hospital, and a governor of Marshall Infirmary. He is a director of the Eastern New York Orthopædic Hospital School, of Schenectady. Mr. Cook is also a director of the Troy Country Club, a member of the Troy Club and a trustee of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association.

On December 23, 1919, in London, England, Chauncey W. Cook married Keziah Birely, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

FRANK LESLIE SULLIVAN, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Scotia for many years, Dr. Frank Leslie Sullivan has confined his attention in more recent times mainly to his specialties of gastro-enterology and proctology.

Dr. Sullivan was born June 28, 1896, in Middleburg, New York, son of Frank A. and Harriet (West) Sullivan. His father, born in Clayton, New York, was for years a successful hardware merchant in Middleburg until his death June 18, 1936. The mother was born at Woonsocket, South Dakota, and died July 29, 1939.

Dr. Sullivan was formally educated in public schools in Middleburg, where he was graduated from high school in 1913. He then studied at Columbia University and at St. Lawrence University, in Canton, New York, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science at St. Lawrence in 1920. He saw World War service as chief pharmacist's mate in the United States Navy, being in service for two and one-half years until honorably discharged June 30, 1919. He then determined to study medicine, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine by Albany Medical College in 1924. Serving an interneship at Metropolitan Hospital, New York City, Dr. Sullivan practiced in Scotia thereafter, and today is still actively engaged in medical practice here. Since 1933 he has limited his work to gastro-enterology and proctology. He is a member of the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is also affiliated with the American Proctologic Society and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, so elected in 1939. He is affiliated, too, with the International Association of Gastro-Enterologists. He served in 1940 as president of the County Medical Society, and is a staff member and attending surgeon at Ellis Hospital, of Schenectady, and a member of the staffs of Schenectady City Hospital and of the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital.

Independent in his political views, Dr. Sullivan has nonetheless served in public positions of importance, notably as health officer of the village of Scotia for ten years. He was president, in 1940, of the Scotia Rotary Club. Fraternally he is connected with Bukendaal Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also a member of the Grotto. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he is affiliated with Schenectady Lodge. He belongs to the Mohawk Golf Club, and plays considerable golf when time permits. He also does some fishing and hunting. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, of Scotia.

On June 7, 1922, Dr. Frank Leslie Sullivan married Emma J. Deutl, of Middleburg, New York. Their children are Jean Marjorie, Emma Josephine, and Frank Leslie Sullivan, Jr.

WILLIAM HAAS—An outstanding figure in the life of Coxsackie and Greene County, William Haas has rendered valuable service as a member of the New York State Assembly and as a leader in business and civic affairs.

Mr. Haas was born January 28, 1892, in New Baltimore, New York, son of Charles and Anna C. (Hicks) Haas, of Aurora, Illinois, and Chatham, New York, respectively.

Rural schools provided William Haas' early formal education, and he attended Coxsackie High School. He entered the garage business at Coxsackie in 1913, and became a member of the Empire State Automobile Merchants' Association, Inc. For seven years he was justice of the peace in his community, and he early became a director of the Athens National Bank. During the World War, Mr. Haas served overseas for fourteen months, participating in three major engagements and afterward becoming a charter member of Coxsackie Post No. 166 of the American Legion, as well as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the "40 and 8." In the "40 and 8" he is a past chef de gare of Voiture No. 674.

In his political affiliations he has been a staunch Democrat, and his service in the Assembly has been of particular value. He served in this body in 1935. In Coxsackie, where he still makes his home, he has extensive affiliations in fraternal orders. In the Masonic Order he is a member of different bodies, including Ark Lodge, Coxsackie Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Hudson Commandery, Knights Templar. He also belongs to Catskill Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Coxsackie Lodge, No. 351, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of Coxsackie Hose Company, No. 3, and the Coxsackie Board of Trade. He is also affiliated with the Greene County Fish and Game Club, Inc.

William Haas married Hester G. Brooks, of Athens, New York, on November 1, 1917. She is a daughter of Alvin and Rachael (Proper) Brooks, of Athens. To this marriage one child, Alvin Haas, was born in 1937.

E. PAYSON SMITH—Widely known in newspaper circles in the Capital Region and among the general citizenry of Coxsackie and its environs, E. Payson Smith is editor and publisher of the "Coxsackie Union-News."

Mr. Smith was born July 9, 1906, in North Tonawanda, New York, son of Edward Payson and Viva (Goodrich) Smith, both of New York State, the father, a retired educator, from Tyre, Seneca County, and the mother from Port Jervis, Sullivan County.

Public schools provided E. Payson Smith's early formal education, and he attended Deerfield Academy, at Deerfield, Massachusetts. He later became a student at the University of Rochester, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, being the third male representative of his family in three successive generations to be graduated from there. His grandfather was a member of the second graduating class of that institution of learning. In addition to Mr. Smith's athletic activities while there he is still a member of the Greek letter fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi.

For three years E. Payson Smith was engaged in the investment business in Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1929 he went into the restaurant and auditing departments of the hotel business, working in association with the Statler Hotels. In 1938 he came to Coxsackie as a partner of his wife, who had previously purchased the "Coxsackie Union-News." He has been editor and publisher of this newspaper since that time, in association with Mrs. Smith. The paper is the oldest in the district, representing a consolidation, in 1906, of two former publications, the "Union" and the "Weekly News," both of Coxsackie. In 1934 the "Coxsackie Review" was absorbed into the "Union-News" organization. The first edition of the original forerunner of the "Union-News" came out in 1851, and the history of the papers composing the present "Union-News" is a highly interesting one.

In addition to his work as head of the "Union-News," Mr. Smith has edited a column in the "Albany Sunday Times-Union" concerning the activities of the Hudson Valley Rifle League, of which he is secretary-treasurer. Mr. Smith is also active in community affairs. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, Coxsackie Rotary Club, the Coxsackie Rod and Rifle Club and the Coxsackie Hook and Ladder Company.

He worships in the Baptist faith. Hunting and fishing are among his favorite hobbies.

E. Payson Smith married, June 2, 1938, Jessamine Plank, of Bentonville, Arkansas, daughter of William and Carrie Plank, formerly of Wayne County, New York, and they have one child, a daughter named Clara Louise, born at Catskill, August 27, 1940.

ARTHUR JAMES BURCH—As one of Troy's leading business and financial men, Arthur James Burch has made a notable contribution to his times. He is at the time of writing president of the Troy Coöperative Savings & Loan Association, and his participation in the affairs of the Capital Region has been many-sided and constructive.

Mr. Burch was born August 24, 1877, in Easton, Washington County, New York, son of Welling Wesley and Jessie F. (Wait) Burch. His father was long in the employ of the government as a railway postal clerk.

District School No. 6, in Easton, his birthplace, provided Arthur James Burch's early formal education, and afterward he was a student at Marshall's Seminary, also in Easton. He then had a course at Troy Business College, and in 1893 was engaged as a bookkeeper with Edward B. Cox, of Troy, with whom he began in this way his active career and remained continuously until 1897. In that year he entered the employ of the International Shirt & Collar Company in the same capacity. In 1903 Mr. Burch was made a member of the board of directors and elected to the post of secretary of the firm. Devoting his full energies to his work in that connection, he then became a member of the board of directors, as well as secretary, of the firm of Curtis Leggett & Company, of Troy. In 1907 he was made the executive for John Leggett & Son, with whom he remained for many years, becoming treasurer and a director of the organization. That firm was engaged in the manufacture of paper boxes, and was accounted one of Troy's leading industrial houses. Mr. Burch was formerly president of the Mutual Paper Box Manufacturers Association, and was a director of the National Association of Paper Box Manufacturers for several years.

Some years ago Mr. Burch also became president and a member of the board of directors of the Troy Coöperative Savings & Loan Association, of Troy, and today he continues his work in this connection and makes it his major business activity. He served as a member of the executive committee of the New York State League of Savings & Loan Associations, and is a former president of Group IV of the New York State League of Savings & Loan Associations. At the same time he takes an active interest in the general business affairs of Troy and the surrounding district and in civic and social life. He was president and secretary of the local Rotary Club in 1916 and 1917, and is still one of the active members. He was a director of the Capital District Employers' Association, with headquarters in Troy. Contributing to several community activities designed to perform needed social services, Mr. Burch is president of Leonard Hospital, of Troy; director of the Young Men's Christian Association; and former treasurer of the Boy Scouts of America, local council. He is also a member and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Troy Club and the Troy Automobile Club, of which he has been secretary. He is a director of Troy Prudential Association, director of Associated Hospital Service of the Capital District, vice-president of Lansingburgh Board of Education, and in 1924-30 was a member of New York State Republican Committee.

Fraternalism has found in Mr. Burch a staunch champion. He is a member of King Solomon's Primitive Lodge, No. 91, of which he has served as Master and treasurer; was District Deputy Grand Master of Rensselaer-Schenectady District, and Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York; member of Apollo Chapter, No. 48, Royal Arch Masons; Bloss Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters; Apollo Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar; Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Delta Lodge of Perfection; Delta Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Delta Chapter of Rose Croix; Albany Sovereign Consistory of the Supreme Princes of the Royal Secret; Iron Grotto, No. 14, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, of which he is a Past Monarch and trustee; and the Masonic Club of Troy. He holds the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Masonry, and holds membership in Albany Conclave, No. 18, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. Mr. Burch is also active in Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Troy, and as a member and president of trustees performs a work of great value to church and community.

Arthur James Burch married, at Waterford, New York, November 21, 1900, Jessie E. Hemstead, daughter of John and Mary L. (Lewis) Hemstead. Mr. and Mrs. Burch reside in Troy, and are widely known here and throughout the Capital Region.

WILLIAM WESSON CHAMBERLAIN—The city of Johnstown owes much to the efforts of William W. Chamberlain, former mayor, devoted public servant, leading business man and a power in all civic enterprises during the past forty years. He is widely known, not only in Johnstown but in other parts of the State.

Mr. Chamberlain was born in this city on May 22, 1876, son of David W. and Katherine W. (Sutliff) Chamberlain. His father, a painter by trade, was born in Otsego County. In 1872 he settled in Johnstown and subsequently established the paint and wall paper store which he conducted for many years.

William W. Chamberlain received a public school education, part of it in night school after he began the active business of life. In the finest sense of the term he is a self-made man. At the age of ten he sold newspapers on the streets of Johnstown; at thirteen, was apprenticed to the printer's trade; and at twenty entered the grocery and meat business, which he followed for about a year and a half. At the end of that time he returned to the newspaper field, becoming reporter and then local editor of the "Daily News," a position he held for about six months. On March 1, 1899, he established the Johnstown real estate and insurance business, whose operation and development have occupied him during the greater part of his mature life. It is today one of the leading enterprises of its kind in Fulton County, reflecting in its large business the enterprising spirit and energetic leadership of its founder and executive head.

Mr. Chamberlain was also director and treasurer of the Cady Real Estate Company; a partner in the Baker & Chamberlain steamship business; a director of the Johnstown Bank and of the Johnstown Community Hotel. In spite of the pressure of his business responsibilities, he has found time to be active in a wide sphere of other interests, motivated by his zeal to promote the civic progress of his community, his concern for its institutions, the generosity which has made him a patron of innumerable benevolences and his conviction that the obligations of good citizenship require some active participation in public affairs. Mr. Chamberlain has long been influential in Republican politics, serving for many years on the Fulton County Republican Committee, of which he is now treasurer, and also on the Fulton County Republican Advisory Board and the Republican Senatorial Committee. On a number of occasions he has been a delegate to Republican State conventions. He was city assessor of Johnstown for eleven years and in the fall of 1920, by virtue of his stature in the city, he was nominated and elected mayor of Johnstown, an office which he subsequently filled for six years. The character of his administration, combining a progressive outlook with sound business judgment, is indicated by the following quotation from the "Fulton County Democrat," organ of the opposition party, which was published in its columns on the completion of his first term as mayor:

> The mayor has worthily served the people of Johnstown in a post of most rigid observance and criticism and none of his predecessors have surpassed his record for impartial and painstaking devotion to the welfare of the town.
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> Mayor Chamberlain has played the game fairly and if he lost in a political contest where conditions and alignments favored his opponent there was nothing to his discredit in the loss of his race for reëlection. Nor can it be said that Mr. Chamberlain sacrificed principles to curry favor with men in influence or with the crowd. He was resolute in the performance of duty and need not be fearful of the aftermath.

In November, 1923, Mr. Chamberlain was reëlected for his second term as mayor, which was followed in due course by his third two-year term.

His civic connections and others which indicate his service to useful institutions comprise a lengthy list. Mr. Chamberlain is chairman of the District Council of the Boy Scouts of America; member of the board of managers and treasurer of the Johnstown Community Chest; president of the board of directors of the Johnstown Young Men's Christian Association; a former president of the Fulton County Humane Society; a former vice-president of the New York State Humane Society; a former treasurer of the advisory board of the Salvation Army; a trustee of Syracuse University; member of the board of managers of the Johnstown Historical Society; vice-president of the Mohawk Valley Historical Society; a member of the New York State Historical Society; and a member of the New York State Tax Association. He became a member of the Mayors' Conference of the State of New York during his service as mayor of Johnstown; was treasurer and later vice-president of this organization and is now a life member of its advisory board and honorary vice-president. He is one of the State's most prominent Methodist laymen and has a long record of service in denominational activities. Mr. Chamberlain was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Saratoga Springs in 1916. He is a member of the board of stewards, of the finance commission and of the sustentation commission of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Church; is vice-president of the Laymen's Association of that conference and a member of the board of managers and treasurer of the Historical Society of Johnstown. Mr. Chamberlain was formerly a member of the administrative board of the New York State Council of Churches. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose and was one of the organizers of the Johnstown Rotary Club, of which he was formerly president. Among his philanthropies the welfare of the newsboys of the city is especially close to his heart and on a number of occasions they have been his guests in great number, enjoying his hospitality and partaking of the food bounteously furnished to mark the event.

On November 22, 1898, William W. Chamberlain married Estelle E. Forbes, of Camden, New York, daughter of John and Martha (Sanderson) Forbes. They are the parents of two sons: Everett J., born December 5, 1901, who attended the United States Military Academy at West Point; and Kenneth B., born March 13, 1904, who was educated at New York University.

Sherman B. Kaye

JOSEPH JOHN MAILLOUX—During the course of his active career, Joseph John Mailloux has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He is a well-known member of the Albany County bar, practicing in Watervliet, and has long been influential in Republican politics.

Mr. Mailloux was born in Troy on April 5, 1886, son of Joseph Peter Mailloux, a foundry superintendent, and Celerine Mailloux. He received his preliminary education in local schools, later studied at Cornell University and eventually turned to the profession of law, for which he prepared at Albany Law School. From this institution he was graduated in 1919, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and has since been engaged in practice at Watervliet. In 1921 Mr. Mailloux was acting city judge of Watervliet. His entry into the sphere of public service preceded, however, his adoption of the profession of law, beginning with his election as supervisor of Albany County, which office he held from 1914 to 1916. For twenty years he was Republican leader of Albany County and member of the Albany County Republican Committee, exercising a determining judgment in all party plans and councils.

Mr. Mailloux is a member of the Albany County Bar Association and has served on a number of its committees. He is affiliated fraternally with Albany Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

On April 22, 1921, at Ogdensburg, New York, he married Marie Gabriels, daughter of Julius and Marie Gabriels. Mr. and Mrs. Mailloux are the parents of three children: Elodie, born May 5, 1922; William, born July 11, 1923; and Robert, born April 16, 1927.

DUNCAN B. KAYE—Engaged in the practice of law in Troy, Duncan B. Kaye specializes mainly in probate work.

Mr. Kaye was born January 5, 1890, in Troy, New York, son of Duncan C. and Louise T. (Linn) Kaye. His father, a native of England, came to the United States in childhood, and was five years old when he settled in Troy. For about a half century he was connected with State Government departments at Albany, serving in later years in the State Department of Mental Hygiene. He was active in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of King Solomon Lodge. He was born in 1864 and the mother in 1865.

Troy public schools provided the younger Duncan B. Kaye's early formal education, and after graduation from Troy High School he became a student at Albany Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1912. Taking up his professional practice, he established an office in Troy, where he continues his professional labors down to the time of writing. Approximately ninety per cent. of his practice is concerned with probate law, in which he has specialized and is an expert. Mr. Kaye is also deeply interested in the general phases of his profession, and participates notably in the activities of the Rensselaer County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

At the same time Mr. Kaye has interested himself actively in the civic, social and fraternal life of Troy. Here he is a member of King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Rose Croix degree, Scottish Rite; the Troy Club; the Troy Country Club; the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. He belongs also to the Alpha Tau Omega and Gamma Eta Gamma fraternities, which he joined in his student days. His favorite recreations are golf, fishing and other outdoor sports.

On November 2, 1912, in Troy, New York, Duncan B. Kaye married Mildred A. Burns, daughter of Warren Burns, of Albany. Mr. and Mrs. Kaye became the parents of one son, D. Griffith Kaye, who was born August 5, 1916, in Troy, and attended public schools here. After graduation from high school in Troy, he entered Duke University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then took up the study of law at Albany Law School as a member of the class of 1941.

GUY W. SHARPE—A broad background of business experience has well equipped Guy W. Sharpe for the work that he now performs as secretary and a director of the Beech-Nut Packing Company in Canajoharie. He makes his home in Canajoharie and is widely known throughout the Capital Region.

Mr. Sharpe was born September 16, 1885, in Coldwater, Michigan, son of Frank G. and Eleanor (Cranson) Sharpe. His father, born August 3, 1856, at La Grange, Indiana, died May, 1925, was engaged for years in farming operations, and was also in the farm implement business. He was a Republican in politics and served as mayor of Coldwater. The mother was a native of Bethel, Michigan.

Public schools provided Guy W. Sharpe's early formal education in Bronson, Michigan, and after graduation from high school there he became a student at the high school in Ann Arbor. Next he studied at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, and at Cleary College. His first business association was with his father at Bronson, in the farm implement business. There he remained until 1906, assisting his father at the same time with the management of the family farm. In 1907 and 1908 he was with the Reliance Manufacturing Company, of Chicago. Then, from 1908 to 1913, he was assistant manager of the Donsereaux Store, at Lansing, Michigan. From 1913 to 1915 he was a partner in a retail furnishings business in Lansing. Then he formed his first connection with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, acting as a sales representative of the organization from 1915 to 1919 and then coming to Canajoharie.

In this New York State community Mr. Sharpe has since carried forward his business activities, serving at first in the sales department here, then becoming assistant secretary in 1922. Afterward he was made a director, and still later he was appointed to his present post as company secretary. Mr. Sharpe himself has come to be widely and favorably known in business circles. He is a director of the Fairmont Box Company, as well as of the Beech-Nut company, and is likewise director of Associated Industries of New York State, Inc. He serves also on the executive committee of the National Coffee Association, of which he was president for two terms, from 1937 to 1939, and is a director of Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America, and a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce.

Politically Mr. Sharpe is a Republican. He belongs to the Fort Rensselaer Club, the Antlers Country Club, and is a member of Lodge No. 196, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Lansing, Michigan.

In Lansing, Michigan, September 10, 1907, Guy W. Sharpe married Claribel Kennedy, born in Grand Rapids, that State, daughter of Samuel A. and Seraph (Stewart) Kennedy. Her father was born in Ohio, and is now deceased. The mother of Mrs. Sharpe was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is also deceased.

CLARENCE NORTON ROBINSON—In both business and agricultural affairs Clarence Norton Robinson has figured prominently in the life of Canajoharie, his native community.

Mr. Robinson was born here June 13, 1881, son of Cornelius and Katherine (Fox) Robinson. His father, Cornelius A. Robinson, born also at Canajoharie, September 18, 1845, died in May, 1911, was a farmer and a carpenter by occupation, and a Republican in politics, deeply interested in public affairs. The mother was born July, 1860, and died in December, 1899. She was a native of Sprout Brook, New York.

Mr. Robinson was a student at the Canajoharie public schools, attended the high school here and Albany Business College. He then became associated with the Beech-Nut Packing Company as a clerk on July 31, 1905. In May, 1910, he became purchasing agent of the company, so serving continuously until 1938. In that year he was made director of purchases, so serving down to the time of writing. Mr. Robinson also operates a 315-acre farm which was bought by his grandfather, Henry J. Robinson, in 1833. On this property, in addition to all his business activities, he conducts a general farming and dairying business, and as an agriculturist he is widely known throughout Canajoharie Township and Montgomery County.

In politics he is a Republican. Formerly he was a school trustee and a village trustee of Palatine Bridge. He belongs to the Fort Rensselaer Club, and is an active member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Farming continues to be one of Mr. Robinson's major interests, as well as an enjoyable hobby, and he has done much to improve agricultural conditions in his county and in this region of New York State. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Robinson married (first), May 30, 1910, Irene MacNeil, who was born in Argyle, New York, and died i June, 1921. They became the parents of one child, Paul Clark Robinson, who was born January 6, 1914, in Albany. Mr. Robinson married (second), January 10, 1923, Lena Groff, who was born in Palatine Bridge, New York.

CHARLES EVERETT DIEVENDORF—For a number of years Charles Everett Dievendorf has been engaged in the insurance business in Canajoharie, where he makes his home and is a member of the widely known firm of Dievendorf & Garlock.

Mr. Dievendorf was born May 1, 1896, at Sprakers, known now as Currytown, New York, son of Charles and Alice (Fox) Dievendorf. His parents were both natives of New York State, the father of Currytown and the mother of Seward. The father, born in March, 1855, died in December, 1925, was a farmer, a district trustee of Currytown, a leading Democrat of his community, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Grange. The mother was born in October, 1865.

Currytown public schools provided Charles Everett Dievendorf's early formal education, and he was graduated from Fonda High School in 1916. He then spent a year at Alfred University, in Alfred, New York, and was graduated from the Barnes Commercial School. He next spent a year with the Union Pacific Railroad in Denver, Colorado, and a year with the Western Electric Company, after which he was engaged with his father in the operation of a farm of 446 acres in Sprakers. This property figured prominently in the history of the district, having been settled in 1730 by Jacob Dievendorf, great-great-grandfather of Charles E. Dievendorf. After turning once more to business affairs, Mr. Dievendorf was with the Beech-Nut Packing Company at Canajoharie from 1927 to 1929 as a member of the sales department. In 1929 he turned to the general insurance business, forming a partnership with Kenneth Failing under the firm name of Failing & Dievendorf. In 1930 Mr. Failing sold his interest in the organization to Newman Roy, whereupon the firm came to be known as Dievendorf & Roy, Inc., so continuing until 1937. In that year Mr. Dievendorf and

Bayard T. Garlock established the present firm of Dievendorf & Garlock, Inc., of which Mr. Dievendorf is vice-president and a director. Though he is very busy with these different undertakings, he interests himself in the general business life of his community as a former secretary of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Kiwanis Club and vice-president and a director of the Montgomery Agricultural Society, and in the social life and history of this district of New York State, where his family has long been prominent. At Sharon, New York, his great-grandfather, Jacob Dievendorf, according to family records, was scalped by the Iroquois Indians in 1781. Many other historic events link past and present in such a way, for Mr. Dievendorf, as to give him an unusually strong interest in local people and institutions. He is a member and treasurer of the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club and is active in the Grange, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Reformed Church.

At East Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, October 8, 1927, Charles Everett Dievendorf married Kathryn L. Tryon, who was born in that community, daughter of Ormand and Lottie (Van Wagenen) Tryon.

NEWTON J. HERRICK—One of Canajoharie's leading lawyers and public-spirited citizens, Newton J. Herrick is engaged in corporation, real estate, probate and trial practice here.

Mr. Herrick was born January 24, 1905, in Canajoharie, New York, son of Newton J. and Flora May (West) Herrick and grandson of Martin Van Buren and Polly Ann (Dimon) Herrick. The Herricks and the Dimons were of English extraction, as were also the Wests. On the Dimon side of the house, Newton J. Herrick's great-grandparents were Noah and Emeline (Hall) Dimon. Noah Dimon was born in Franklin County, Vermont; and his father, one of the early settlers in northern Vermont, came from Connecticut. Polly Ann (Dimon) Herrick was born in Fairfield, Vermont. The elder Newton J. Herrick, who practices law in association with his son, was born November 22, 1865, at Fairfield, Vermont, and after completing his studies at the University of Vermont he read law under the direction of Wilmer H. Dunn at Champlain and was admitted to the bar in 1891 in Albany. He practiced law with Hiram L. Huston at Canajoharie under the firm name of Huston and Herrick, until the dissolution of that firm in June, 1889. Mr. Herrick then practiced alone until his son became associated with him. A Democrat in politics, he formerly served as a Supreme Court judge, and was for six years district attorney of Montgomery County. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He married, July 22, 1896, in Rome, New York, Flora May West, born March 14, 1869, in Rome, daughter of Dr. M. Calvin and Felicia (Williams) West and granddaughter of John and Mary (Driggs) West, who came from Connecticut to New York State, settling near Rome, where John West was engaged in farming. Mrs. Felicia (Williams) West was a daughter of Jesse and Amanda (Welles) Williams, the former of whom was born in 1798 near Ridge Mills, New York, and died in December, 1864. He was a farmer and the pioneer cheese factory operator of the United States.

Mrs. Felicia (Williams) West was born near Rome on September 20, 1833, and died there in 1897. Mrs. Flora May (West) Herrick was graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1886, and from Wellesley College as a Bachelor of Arts in 1891. She taught for a year in Rome High School, then was vice-principal of Canajoharie High School for six years. Later she became a member of the Canajoharie Board of Education, and she is one of the county directors of the New York League of Women Voters and a member of the Democratic County Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick became the parents of two children: 1. Gertrude West Herrick, born August 6, 1902, in Canajoharie, graduated from Canajoharie High School in 1919 and Mount Holyoke College in 1924. 2. Newton J. Herrick, Jr., of further mention.

Newton J. Herrick, Jr., attended public schools in Canajoharie, and in 1922 was graduated from high school here. He then became a student at Amherst College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926, and in 1931 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Albany Law School. Admitted to the bar in June, 1932, he became associated with his father in the practice of law in Canajoharie. Here he lives and carries on his work down to the time of writing. Taking a deep interest in the general affairs of his profession, Mr. Herrick is a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

In his political views Mr. Herrick is a staunch Democrat, and he has taken a lively interest in community affairs. He has served as attorney for the town of Canajoharie and also as town attorney for the town of Root. Mr. Herrick is a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce and one of its directors, and he belongs to the Fort Rensselaer Club, the Cooperstown Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Chi Psi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In leisure time he is fond of outdoor life and healthful recreations, particularly of sailing. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In New York City, May 2, 1936, Newton J. Herrick, Jr., married Annette (Coleman) Miller, born in New

Haven, Connecticut, daughter of Roger H. and Evangeline Coleman. They became the parents of one son, Hilary Coleman Herrick.

FRANK J. HOOLEY—A Troy editor once wrote. "The business career of Frank J. Hooley is the story of an able individual who applied his abilities to the advantages offered him and became an outstanding success in his chosen field of commerce. Material success was not the paramount goal, however, in his life. After this had been attained he used it to the advantage of his fellow-citizens through many quiet philanthropies. He enjoyed a good life and a soul-satisfying career."

A native and lifelong resident of Troy, New York, Frank J. Hooley was born there February 13, 1877. Misfortune did not pass him by, for he was left an orphan at the age of ten years and was reared by an elderly grandmother. Due to financial causes he left school two years later and set about earning a livelihood. The hardships of early life no doubt taught him lessons that were well earned and influenced his after years, lessons in courage, thrift, industry, perseverance and the sympathetic knowledge of human nature.

Young Hooley had little choice of a career; indeed he considered himself lucky to get work as a butcher's helper in one of the meat markets operated by Arthur Smith. Without repining or bemoaning his fate, he started in to acquire skill in this vocation that would win advancement. Within a decade he was an expert butcher and meat cutter. In the meanwhile his reputation had been growing as a man of integrity, and in 1912 he was appointed by Mayor Cornelius F. Burns, of Troy, meat and food inspector for the municipality. He filled this post capably for ten years. Although many inspectors were unpopular with merchants it was not true with Frank J. Hooley. He was wholly fair, honest and understanding, severe only on the deliberate transgressor, moderate with those whose mistakes were unintentional.

His office of inspector did not interfere with the continuance of his trade, and all was going well in 1917 when an explosion in the Smith market not only destroyed the place, but Mr. Hooley was so badly injured that his life was despaired of. Recover he did, however, and he ambitiously established his own market at No. 107 Fourth Street, Troy. The World War led to the encampment of soldiers in the Capital Region, and with his customary enterprise Mr. Hooley sought business there with good results. He furnished meat supplies to the Quartermaster Department, making the deliveries personally by horse and wagon, although the distance traveled was about twenty miles. By 1924 his trade had grown so much that larger quarters were necessary and he built a new establishment at No. 115 Fourth Street. In construction, sanitation, and equipment, everything was of the most modern and the best. The orphan boy of 1887 had reached his goal after forty years of tireless endeavors marked by obstacles overcome and defeats turned into victories.

Few men attain success in any enterprise without benefiting their fellowmen. This was true of Mr. Hooley, both in the sense that the promotion of business helps the progress and prosperity of the community, but even more with him, in the direct aid he constantly was giving to the poor and the less fortunate. His generosity extended to institutions and organizations. His philanthropies began when he was struggling to become established in business and were continued when misfortune dogged his efforts. Possibly the great prize in his life was the accumulating of means wherewith he could contribute to "the cause which needs assistance." The story of his life should be an inspiration to all who knew him well.

In 1898 Frank J. Hooley married Helen G. Gaynor, and they were the parents of nine children, only four of whom, in the words of one who loved him greatly, "lived to know him as the kind, protective, sterling character who will always be remembered."

Upon the occasion of Mr. Hooley's passing on July 8, 1940, the editor of the "Troy Observer" wrote: "The death of Frank J. Hooley after a short illness was the cause of profound sorrow among his legion of friends. Mr. Hooley was so well known as a business man, father of a fine family, and a public figure, without office, that he seemed to be an irremovable character to the life of Troy." The remainder of this editorial has been quoted in the beginning of this biographical record. An editorial from the "Troy Record" of that time pays this tribute:

> Many Trojans will be shocked by the death of Frank J. Hooley at his summer home at Glass Lake. It was not generally known that he was ill.
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> Mr. Hooley was not an active man in Troy. He seemed to be timid about public appearances. His home and his business appeared to be a sphere large enough to satisfy him.
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> But quietly in scores of ways he was pressing into other domains, with the kindly hand of charity. Rarely indeed did any philanthropic cause come to his attention without a contribution. It seemed as though his sympathies were as broad as his community. He did not let his right hand know what his left hand did, so inconspicuously did he assist such enterprises.
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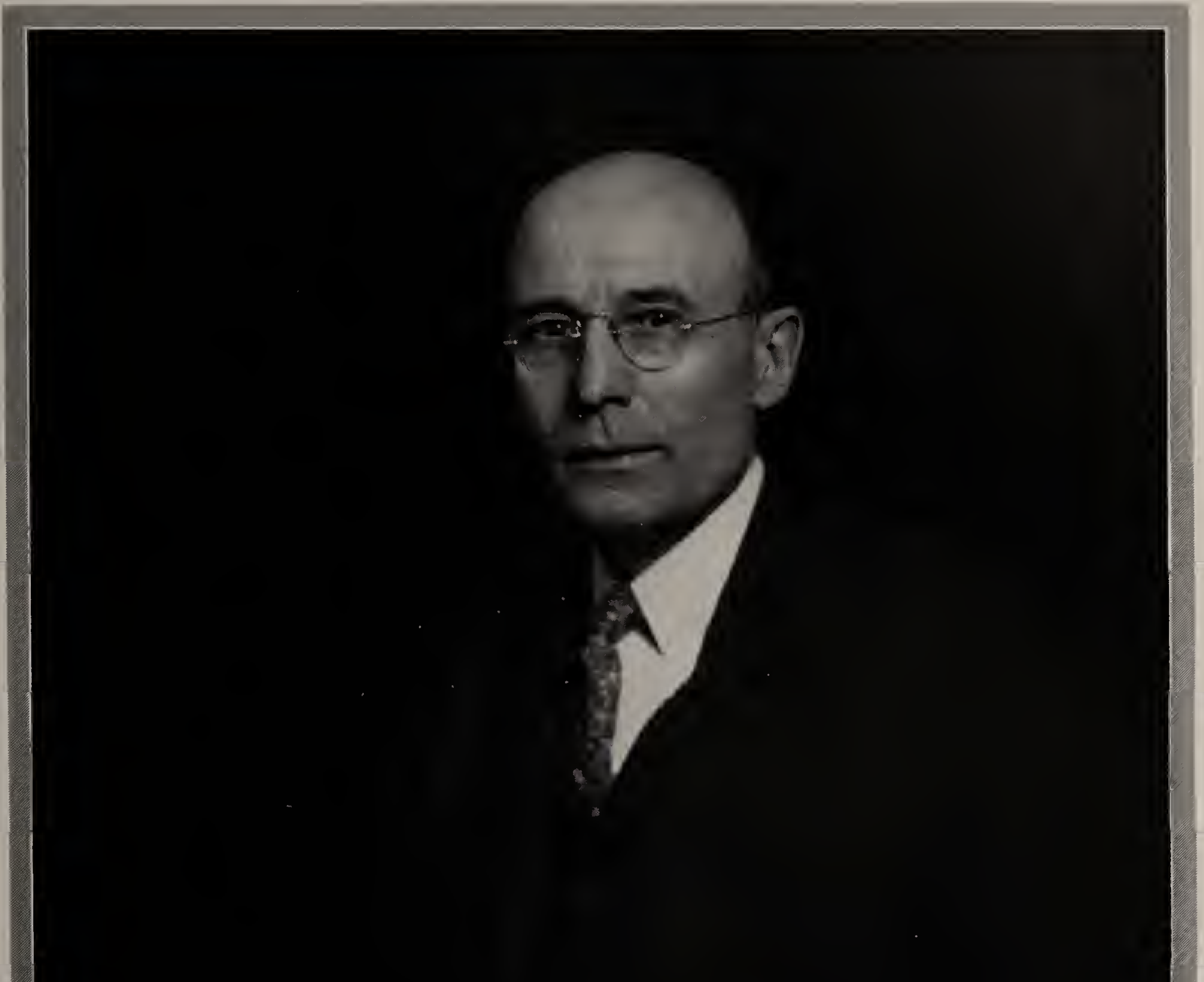
> Yet many a work of helpfulness will feel the cut of his death deeply. He made his place in Troy as merchant and citizen. But behind the veil of his own inherent modesty his memory will persist even longer as a helper of good causes and a man of neighborly impulses.

GEORGE HERMAN SHINEMAN—Many years of association with business institutions has well equipped George Herman Shineman for his present work as cashier



Frank J. Hooley

of the Canajoharie National Bank. He has been associated with this banking house for a long period, and has interested himself in a wide variety of activities in his community.

Mr. Shineman was born November 12, 1875, in Canajoharie, New York, son of Frederick W. and Elizabeth (Waner) Shineman, both of whom were born in Germany, the father in Hanover Province on December 28, 1833, and the mother in Saxony, March 27, 1842. The father, who died August 7, 1911, was an agriculturist for many years in Montgomery County, and was a Republican in his political views. The mother died October 27, 1927. Frederick W. and Elizabeth (Waner) Shineman became the parents of the following children: 1. John A. Shineman, who died December 28, 1924, in Canajoharie. 2. Elizabeth L. Shineman, died May 24, 1931. 3. Augusta C. Shineman, who became Mrs. Augusta C. (Shineman) Barshied, died June 27, 1940. 4. George Herman Shineman, of further mention. 5. Edward W. Shineman, born January 8, 1878. 6. Lena (Shineman) Snyder, born November 9, 1883. 7. Frederick Shineman, who is deceased.

Public schools in Canajoharie provided George Herman Shineman's early formal education. After he completed his work at the Roundtop School, in District No. 1, he attended high school and was graduated there in 1894. In 1896 and 1897 he studied at Albany Business College, where he was graduated in March, 1897. In 1897 and 1898 Mr. Shineman was employed as assistant bookkeeper by the American Broom & Brush Company, of Amsterdam, New York, and in 1898 and 1899 he was with Leverens Brothers, retail grocers, in Amsterdam, as a bookkeeper. Between 1899 and 1901 Mr. Shineman was shipping clerk for Harvey Chalmers & Son, in Amsterdam, after which he was inactive through a two-year period of illness. In 1903 he associated himself with his father on the home farm of the family, an eighty-nine-acre property, on which he was engaged in dairy farming. In 1907 he purchased the farm, in association with his brother, John A. Shineman, and the two men operated it together until the brother's death, December 28, 1924. George Herman Shineman sold the property in 1925, after which he devoted his attention mainly to his other undertakings. He had been interested, as early as 1912, in the Canajoharie National Bank, having joined the bank's staff in that year as a bookkeeper and teller. Gradually more and more important responsibilities were entrusted to him, whereupon he became assistant cashier. In 1933 he was made cashier, and he also serves now as a director.

Aside from his work as cashier and a director of the Canajoharie National Bank, Mr. Shineman is a director and secretary-treasurer of Canajoharie Farmers, Inc. He is a member of many local organizations, among them the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, of which he is vice-president. He is a Republican in politics. For a quarter of a century he has been a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and he belongs to Seebers Lane Grange in the town of Canajoharie and to the Canajoharie Forest Fish and Game Club. Motoring is one of Mr. Shineman's major recreations and hobbies. He is active in church work as a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he is superintendent of the Sunday school and an elder and has been a member of the church council for a quarter of a century.

In Canajoharie, New York, October 28, 1914, George Herman Shineman married Nell N. Brown, born September 4, 1887, in Canajoharie, daughter of Edward J. and Sarah (Nichols) Brown, both natives of this place.

RAYMOND JAMES SHULTS—Widely known for his work in the automobile industry in Canajoharie, Raymond James Shults is agent for the Studebaker, Oldsmobile and Packard motor cars in this district.

Mr. Shults was born November 28, 1894, son of James W. and Mary Elizabeth (Merselis) Shults and member of an old and honorable family. His grandfather, Christopher Shults, settled in Montgomery County, New York, taking up his residence at Mapletown at an early period. James W. Shults was born November 14, 1867, at Canajoharie, and died May 14, 1937. He was a farmer in Montgomery County between Ames and Bull, and later moved to Canajoharie, here purchasing a coal business in 1908 and operating it for the rest of his life. A Democrat in his political views, he served as town commissioner for a considerable period, and was also active in a number of organizations in his community—the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Kiwanis Club and the Methodist Church. The mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Merselis) Shults, was born in 1870 in Canajoharie.

Public schools of Bull, Ames and Canajoharie provided Raymond James Shults' early formal education, and he was graduated from Canajoharie High School. From 1912 to 1921 he was employed in the Canajoharie Post Office, and he also turned his attention early to business affairs, selling cars and building a garage in 1920. Among his other attainments, he became agent for the Ford automobile in this area, selling cars for the Ford company until 1921, when he took over the Studebaker agency. He has continued to be agent for the Studebaker down to the time of writing. Since 1938 he has also had the Oldsmobile agency, and he employs, in this connection, an average of five or six workmen. Since 1935 Mr. Shults has also acted as Packard dealer in Canajoharie, selling approximately seventy-five cars each year. In addition to all his other activities along these lines, he conducts a used car sales agency. He makes his business headquarters at No.

70 West Main Street, Canajoharie, and resides at Palatine Bridge, New York.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Shults is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Canajoharie, and is active in the New York State Auto Dealers' Association and the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club. He has devoted his leisure time to business affairs, and has made a hobby of many of the activities connected with his automobile enterprise. At the same time Mr. Shults has been active in the Baptist Church at Ames.

At Ilion, New York, December 12, 1915, Raymond James Shults married Orvetta Lucille Coleman, a native of the town of Palatine, daughter of Peter W. and Orvetta (Cook) Coleman, both likewise born in Palatine. Her father is now deceased. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shults: 1. Raymond Foster Shults, born July 22, 1917, in Palatine Bridge, graduated from Clarkson College as an engineer, stationed at Camp Belvoir, Virginia, and now with Curtiss Wright Company, Buffalo, New York. 2. Doris Lucille Shults, born January 19, 1919, at Palatine Bridge, New York; a graduate of Skidmore College in June, 1940; married, in November, 1939, William J. Crangell.

RICHARD GEORGE KIMMERER—Twenty years ago, Richard George Kimmerer became associated with the commercial printing business carried on at Canajoharie under the name of the Hay Trade Journal Publishing Company, Inc. He has since remained in the company and is now its secretary and treasurer.

Born at Canajoharie on January 27, 1900, he is a son of Charles W. and Ella (Mallery) Kimmerer. His father, born in Utica and now deceased, was a merchant and grocer at Canajoharie, an influential Democrat of the town and for some years town clerk and registrar. The mother, Ella (Mallery) Kimmerer, was born at Fort Plain.

Educated in the public schools of Canajoharie, Richard George Kimmerer left high school in 1917 and during the following two years was associated with the Fred T. Ley Company at Perryville, Maryland. In 1919 he returned to Canajoharie and joined the Hay Trade Journal Publishing Company, Inc., a company organized in 1899 and then carrying on a general job printing and commercial color printing business. The head of the company was his uncle, Willis Bullock. Mr. Kimmerer assumed increasing responsibilities in the business and eventually took over his present offices as secretary and treasurer. His present associates in its management are E. K. Bullock, president; and A. A. Kimmerer, vice-president.

Mr. Kimmerer, who is well known in the business life of this section, is also a director of the Hay Trade Journal Publishing Company, Inc., and a director of the National Spraker Bank. He is a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, director of the Canajoharie Country Club, and a member of the Antlers Country Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Masonic Order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Kimmerer is a Republican in politics and a trustee of the Reformed Church. He is fond of outdoor life, and his principal recreations are fishing, golf and sailing.

On November 10, 1924, at Binghamton, Mr. Kimmerer married Amy Atkinson, who was born at South Amboy, New Jersey, daughter of L. R. Atkinson, a native of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and Margaret (Livingston) Atkinson, born in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Kimmerer are the parents of one son, Richard Atkinson, born at Catskill on August 7, 1934. The home of the family is in Palatine Bridge.

GEORGE DUFFY—Joining his brothers in the firm of Duffy Brothers, silk throwsters, organized in 1892, George Duffy launched an active career which has since been devoted to this enterprise and its expanding business. He is now treasurer of the Duffy Silk Company, Inc., making his own headquarters in Fort Plain.

Born at Fort Plain in 1874, Mr. Duffy is a son of Charles G. and Margaret (Allen) Duffy, who settled there in 1873. He is the youngest of the five children in this family: John, who died on December 18, 1914; Julia, widow of Will J. Diefendorf, the latter of whom died October 12, 1923; Bernard and Charles G. Duffy, of Buffalo; and George of this record.

George Duffy attended the Fort Plain schools. He was eighteen when his brothers, Charles G. Duffy, Bernard Duffy and John Duffy, organized the firm of Duffy Brothers in 1892 and built a silk throwing factory on Reid Street at Fort Plain. Not long afterward he joined the business, whose operations were rapidly expanded. Other factories were erected in Buffalo, and Bernard and Charles G. Duffy removed to that city to superintend their operation. George Duffy remained at Fort Plain. In 1902 the business was incorporated under the name of the Duffy Silk Company, with five factories in Buffalo and one in Fort Plain. In the same year, Abraham Fox Nellis, of St. Johnsville, acquired an interest in the company and became its secretary, serving in this capacity until his death in 1923. Charles G. Duffy, Jr., is now secretary-treasurer of the company, with active supervision of the Fort Plain business; George Duffy continues his connection with the family enterprise which he helped to build. He has long been a prominent figure in the life of Fort Plain, with many interests here besides that of the Duffy Silk Company, Inc. Among these is the Fort Plain National Bank, of which he for some years served

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as president and a director. Mr. Duffy is also active in the civic and social life of the community and his influence is recognized as a constructive force in its affairs. He is a member of the Fort Plain Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club of Canajoharie, the Little Falls Country Club, the Antlers Club of Amsterdam, and the Lotos Club of New York.

In October, 1911, George Duffy married Bertha E. Dunckel, daughter of Ervin and Nancy C. Dunckel of Fort Plain. Mrs. Duffy is a member and past regent of the Fort Plain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and for the past three years has been State Regent of this organization. The Duffy home, with its beautiful grounds and gardens, is one of the show places of the town and its hospitality is famous throughout this section of the State.

MARTIN E. HEARN—One of the largest general insurance businesses in the Canajoharie section is conducted by Martin E. Hearn, who established his own organization here in 1937 and has since been active in its development. He has devoted his entire career to insurance work.

Mr. Hearn was born at Port Byron, New York, on February 15, 1906, son of Michael E. and Julia (Quinn) Hearn, both born in the same community. His mother died on January 5, 1935. His father, who has spent many years in the service of the New York Central Railroad, is now assistant supervisor of signals for the New York Central lines. He makes his home at Savannah, in Wayne County, and is a trustee of that village.

Martin E. Hearn received his preliminary education in the public schools of Savannah, went from high school to Christian Brothers Academy, from which he was graduated in 1924, and afterward studied at Colgate University. In 1925 he became associated with the Hardware Mutual Insurance Group and spent twelve years in the service of these organizations at New York City and Newark, New Jersey. With this experience to his credit, he decided to enter business for himself and selected the town of Canajoharie for his office. Since 1937 he has devoted himself successfully to the development of his business here. Mr. Hearn writes policies covering virtually all forms of insurance and represents some twenty-five insurance companies, among them the Aetna and Lumberman's Mutual.

Aside from his own business, he is active in the general life of the community and is a member of a number of Canajoharie organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Canajoharie Country Club and the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Herkimer Lodge, No. 1439, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with Canajoharie Council, No 415, Knights of Columbus. Mr. Hearn is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Baseball and golf are his favorite recreations.

On December 21, 1932, at Stamford, Connecticut, he married Marian Whitehead, who was born at Stamford, daughter of William B. Whitehead, a native of East Durham, New York, and Helen (Burke) Whitehead. Mr. and Mrs. Hearn have one daughter, Elizabeth Louise, born at White Plains, New York.

JOHN EDMUND NORRIS HUME—Since he began his active career in the early years of the century, John Edmund Norris Hume has been associated with the General Electric Company, rising gradually to his present position as commercial vice-president. He has been a resident of Schenectady for more than thirty years.

Mr. Hume was born near Alexandria, Virginia, on September 3, 1883, son of Frank and Emma (Phillips) Hume and is a member of an old Virginia family. His father, born at Culpeper, Virginia, on July 21, 1843, served, while in his teens, in the Confederate Army under General Longstreet. Later he became a merchant in Washington, District of Columbia, and acquired various real estate and banking interests. He was also active in Virginia politics having been a member of the Virginia Legislature for several terms. He died July 17, 1906. His wife was born in Washington, District of Columbia, November 25, 1843, and died in 1932.

John Edmund Norris Hume was the tenth of eleven children, nine of whom are still living. He was educated in public and private schools of Virginia and Washington, District of Columbia, including the Friends' Select School, at Washington and Preston's University, Washington. He subsequently entered the University of Virginia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Electrical Engineer in 1907. He entered the service of the General Electric Company at the Schenectady plant in 1907, where, with the exception of two years at the General Electric Company's office at Baltimore, his activities have since centered. After spending several years in the testing and switchboard departments, he was transferred to the lighting department and later to the industrial department, of which he was made assistant manager on December 26, 1926. On December 26, 1935, he became manager of this department, which position he retains, and on December 30, 1938, he also assumed the responsibilities of commercial vice-president.

Mr. Hume is affiliated with the Beta Theta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi fraternities at the University of Virginia and is a member of the Mohawk Club and the Mohawk Golf Club, both of Schenectady, the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville, Virginia, and the Bankers' Club of New York City. He is an associate member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, and the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, and is a member of the Newcomen Society of England, and the National Electrical Manufacturers' Association. He is independent in his politics and a member of the Episcopal Church. Hunting, fishing and golf are his favorite recreations.

On October 31, 1914, Mr. Hume married Anna Cady Smith, of Schenectady, daughter of Gerardus and Mary (Darrow) Smith. They are the parents of two sons: 1. John Edmund Norris, Jr., born September 10, 1915, graduated from the University of Virginia with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1937 and is now city editor of the "Schenectady Gazette." He married Marian S. Hume, of Richmond, Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Stewart Hume, and has one son, John Edmund Norris, 3d. 2. David Cady, born February 7, 1919, now a student at the University of Virginia.

C. CURTIS LULL—One of the oldest businesses of its kind in St. Johnsville is now operated by C. Curtis Lull, funeral director and furniture merchant, who took over this enterprise from his father in February, 1940, and has since been its active head.

Mr. Lull was born at Newark Valley, New York, on October 15, 1908, son of Clarence C. and Mildred D. (Witter) Lull. His father, who was born at Newark Valley on August 17, 1883, was a funeral director in St. Johnsville for many years and since his retirement has devoted himself to his farm, located near St. Johnsville. The mother, Mildred D. (Witter) Lull, was born at Newark Valley on February 26, 1886, and died on March 3, 1939.

C. Curtis Lull was educated in the public schools of Newark Valley, Savannah and St. Johnsville and at Utica School of Commerce. In preparation for his profession he studied at the Syracuse School of Embalming, where he completed his course in 1928, and then became associated with his father in St. Johnsville. After twelve years of practical experience in the business, he purchased his father's interest on February 1, 1940, and has since been sole owner and manager. Mr. Lull maintains one of the finest funeral homes in this section and has a fully equipped mortuary establishment located on Bridge Street, which was a busy thoroughfare in the early days, leading to the New York Central Depot. He also devotes his active attention to the furniture business and has demonstrated his enterprising spirit and sound judgment.

A prominent figure in the life of his community, Mr. Lull is a member of many of its leading organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Farm Bureau, the St. Johnsville Fish and Game Club· St. Johnsville Grange; St. Johnsville Masonic Lodge, No. 611; and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is also a member of the Fulton and Montgomery Funeral Directors' Association, of which he is now third vice-president; the Mohawk Valley Towns Association; and the Past Masters' Association of the Masonic Order. Mr. Lull is a Republican in politics and an active civic leader, who has given generously of his time and effort to promote the cause of civic progress. A prominent Methodist layman, he is secretary of the official board of St. Johnsville Methodist Church and superintendent of the Sunday School. Hunting is his favorite recreation.

On September 6, 1930, at Indian Lake, New York, Mr. Lull married Laura Persons, who was born at Indian Lake, daughter of George and Ida (Fish) Persons. They are the parents of three children: George Talcott, born August 5, 1931; Barbara Ann, born November 18, 1932; and John Curtis, born April 14, 1934.

RECTOR RUSSELL RHINES—Luxor Textiles, Inc., manufacturers of Tricot and Milanese fabrics at St. Johnsville, is managed by Rector Russell Rhines, who became president of the company in 1928 and has since served as its executive head. He is a manufacturer of long experience, with previous connections in both New York and Pennsylvania industries.

Mr. Rhines was born in Elk County, Pennsylvania, on September 10, 1885, son of Carlton and Mary (Cady) Rhines. His father, a lumberman and one-time captain in the Pennsylvania National Guard, was born in Elk County, Pennsylvania, in 1850, and died in September, 1934. The mother was born in Pittsburgh on May 1, 1856.

Rector Russell Rhines was educated in the public schools of Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, where he completed the high school course in 1903. He began his career with the New York and Pennsylvania Company at Johnsonburg and after three years spent in the shipping department and in general office work, entered the office of the Central Leather Company at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, and was later transferred to its cost accounting department. In 1911 he became associated with the Sakura Silk Company at Kane, Pennsylvania, serving as office manager. In 1914 he became general manager of this company and continued as such until 1920. During the following seven years, Mr. Rhines was plant manager for the Mohawk Glove Corporation at Fultonville and Amsterdam, New York. In 1928 he purchased his present holdings in Luxor Textiles, Inc., at St. Johnsville and assumed the executive leadership of the organization as president and general manager. This company are manufacturers of Tricot and Milanese underwear and outwear fabrics, employing approximately forty people in plant and office and marketing Luxor products to principal manufacturers of garments and finished textile products. Mr. Rhines is also a director of the company.

Since he came to St. Johnsville he has been active in the general life of the community and is now a director of the St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce and a member of other organizations of the district, including the St. Johnsville Fish and Game Club and the Mohawk Valley Towns Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Kane (Pennsylvania) Lodge, No. 329, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Rhines is a Republican in politics and a member of Grace Congregational Church in St. Johnsville. His favorite recreation is fishing.

On July 23, 1923, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, he married Marian Hinds, who was born at Johnstown, New York, daughter of George B. Hinds, a native of Fort Plain, New York, and Annabelle (Adams) Hinds, born at Ames, New York, both now deceased.

DONALD A. LENZ—As a funeral director at Canajoharie, Donald A. Lenz has served the community since 1929, when he first established his funeral home here. He is thoroughly experienced in his profession and has devoted his entire career to it.

Mr. Lenz was born at Gloversville, New York, on March 5, 1902, son of William H. and Bertha (Nichols) Lenz. His father, who was born at Stone Arabia, was engaged in the creamery business at Gloversville. His mother was born in Fulton County.

Donald A. Lenz received his general education in the public schools of Gloversville, where he completed the high school course, and subsequently studied at the Renouard School of Embalming in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1922. During the following three years he was employed by Charles G. Stumph & Company, funeral directors, in New York City, after which he became associated with the Traugott Company, funeral directors in Syracuse. This connection he continued until 1929. Since the latter year he has been engaged in business for himself at Canajoharie. His qualifications for his work and the high standards which he maintains in equipment and service have led to many demands upon him.

Mr. Lenz is a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Palatine Hose Company and many social and fraternal organizations, including the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Canajoharie Kiwanis Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club and the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club. He is also a member of the New York State and National Funeral Directors' associations. Mr. Lenz is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Canajoharie.

On March 10, 1923, at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City, he married Margaret E. Trevett, who was born at Broadalbin, Fulton County, on August 25, 1903, daughter of Peter and Isabel Trevett. Mr. and Mrs. Lenz are the parents of two children: Donald Albert, born July 10, 1930; and Nancy Jane, born January 3, 1932.

JOHN PETER ARTHUR FAILING—In the life of Montgomery County, John Peter Arthur Failing has played an active rôle for many years. In addition to his agricultural and business interests, which have brought him to the presidency of Canajoharie Coöperative Milk Producers, Inc., he has a long record of service in public life and is now tax assessor of the town of Palatine, where he makes his home.

Mr. Failing was born at Palatine Bridge on January 6, 1878, son of Aurora and Almira (Davy) Failing and a descendant of old New York families of both Dutch and English stock. In the paternal line he is a grandson of John Adam and Nancy (Shults) Failing, the former born at St. Johnsville in 1800 and died in 1888 at Palatine Bridge. Aurora Failing, the father, was born at Palatine Bridge on November 17, 1829, and died there on October 15, 1904. He continued the traditional agricultural interests of the family, was a justice of the peace in the town of Palatine and served in other offices of public responsibility, including the school and election boards. Almira (Davy) Failing, the mother, was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer County, on April 28, 1841, and died in the town of Palatine on May 10, 1920. She was a daughter of William Davy, a farmer in the town of Danube, and Mary (Zimmerman) Davy, who was born in the town of Minden, Montgomery County, and died in the town of Danube.

John Peter Arthur Failing was educated in the public schools of the town of Palatine and at Canajoharie High School. At the age of eighteen he became associated with his father in the operation of the Fort Keyser Dairy Farm, a property of about 120 acres owned by Aurora Failing. Following his father's death in 1904, Mr. Failing took over the farm and continued it until the spring of 1923, engaging in general farming. At the end of this time he moved to the village of Palatine Bridge, where he operated a hauling business for a short time. He has never entirely abandoned his farming interests, however, and since 1923 has managed two farms.

Meanwhile, in the fall of 1923, Mr. Failing was elected supervisor of the town of Palatine and member of the County Board of Supervisors. Taking office on January 1, 1924, he served until December 31, 1929, and enhanced his reputation by the character of his administration.

During the Federal Census of 1930, he was designated as census taker for the town of Canajoharie, Root and Palatine, and in 1932 was elected assessor of the town of Palatine, an office which he has since filled with characteristic fidelity and efficiency. In addition to his public duties, Mr. Failing has served since 1934 as president of Canajoharie Coöperative Milk Producers, Inc., an organization of local dairymen.

Mr. Failing is a Republican in politics and is influential in his party, although drawing support from both Republicans and Democrats in his various election campaigns. He is a member of Canajoharie Camp, No. 1034, and of old Trinity Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia.

On October 18, 1899, in the town of Palatine, Montgomery County, John Peter Arthur Failing married Rachael Jane Rickard, who was born in the town of Root on September 30, 1880. Rachael Jane Rickard was the daughter of Howard H. Rickard, a Montgomery County farmer, born in the town of Root on July 25, 1860, died on January 1, 1938, and Martha Dorcas (Dillenback) Rickard, born in the town of Palatine on May 14, 1857, died on April 27, 1931. Mrs. Failing is a granddaughter of Philip Abel and Harriet Louise (Wessell) Rickard, in the paternal line, and of Levi and Rachael Jane (Dockstader) Dillenback, in the maternal line. She is descended from pioneer settlers of the Mohawk Valley and has several ancestors who participated in the battle of Oriskany. Mrs. Failing is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia, where her maternal grandfather was born, and is active in the Missionary Society of the church. She is also a member of the Society of Royal Neighbors and is a Republican in politics.

ROLAND A. REESE—Engaged in the grocery business in Palatine Bridge, Roland A. Reese operates an ever-expanding enterprise in this region of New York State.

Mr. Reese was born September 10, 1891, in Fonda, New York, son of George S. and Etta (Lingenfelter) Reese. His father, a native of Fonda, was for many years a painting contractor there, and was a Republican in his political alignment. The mother was born in Canada.

Fonda schools furnished Roland A. Reese's early formal education, and he completed his studies at Fultonville High School. Associating himself with Washington A. Fuller, dealer in groceries and meats, in 1908, and continuing in that work until 1915, he was connected, from 1915 to 1917, with the American Express Company at Fonda and Johnstown. When the United States entered the World War, in April, 1917, Mr. Reese laid plans for serving his country, and from September 30, 1918, to July 4, 1919, was with the United States Army Medical Corps, Field Remount Squadron, No. 329, American Expeditionary Forces. His enlistment dated from March 6, 1918, though it was some months later, after preliminary training, that he was sent abroad. Upon being honorably discharged on July 10, 1919, Mr. Reese returned to the American Express Company and remained for a short time with that organization. He then became associated once more with Washington A. Fuller in the grocery business at Palatine Bridge, and in 1920 was made a partner in the firm. At the death of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Reese took over the business and carried it forward on his own account. Contributing substantially to the economic welfare of the community and district, he has earned the admiration and confidence of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-growing circle of acquaintance.

Politically Mr. Reese is a Republican. He is active in a number of social, civic and fraternal organizations, among them the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association and Ray W. Smith Post, No. 222, of the American Legion. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

At Palatine Bridge, New York, February 7, 1921, Roland A. Reese married Irene O. Darrow, who was born in the town of Root, New York, daughter of Howard and Dora (Haulzhauer) Darrow, both born in the town of Root. Her father was born there February 27, 1864, and died May 4, 1910. The mother of Mrs. Reese was born September 25, 1866.

GEORGE W. OSBORN—Succeeding to control of the Osborn House, celebrated Greene County resort located at Windham (originally named Osbornville), George W. Osborn continues the operation of an enterprise which was first established by his grandfather seventy-five years ago. Like other members of his family before him, he has a prominent part in the life of this section.

Mr. Osborn was born at Windham on July 24, 1898, son of George W. and Clara L. (Goslee) Osborn and member of an old Greene County family. The original homestead farm of the Osborns at North Settlement is still in possession of the family and is operated by George W. Osborn, the present owner. From this farm, Mr. Osborn's grandfather came into Windham in 1866 to take over the property which is now the site of the Osborn House. Much of it has always been retained as farm land. The farm and summer resort were carried on by George W. Osborn, Sr., during his active lifetime. For many years he was a power in the county, serving in several important public offices including those of supervisor and

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sheriff and also in the New York State Assembly. He died on July 1, 1937.

George W. Osborn of this record received his preliminary education in the local public schools and Windham High School, and later attended Albany Business College. Upon the completion of his education he became associated with his father in the management of the Osborn House at Windham and succeeded to the ownership of the property after the death of the senior Osborn. In contrast to the one small house which the property boasted when the grandfather acquired this site, the Osborn House today comprises several large buildings, a large dining hall, amusement center, store, and many cabins, all supplied with modern equipment and furnishings.

There are facilities for every outdoor sport on the premises except golf and there is a golf links directly adjacent to the property located on land which was originally a part of the old farm. A fine swimming pool is a feature of the establishment, which has accommodations for 250 people. Besides this, there are 275 acres of farm land, on which Mr. Osborn maintains a herd of thirty graded and pure-bred cattle. His dairy accommodations are up to the minute and include electric milkers, individual drinking fountains and other modern facilities. All roughage for the dairy herd is raised on the farm. The entire development of the Osborn House property has proceeded gradually throughout a period of seventy-five years, and today it is considered one of the show places of the area.

In addition to this property, Mr. Osborn owns four other farms in the county, including the old home farm at North Settlement. Like his father he has been prominent in civic life and public affairs, finding time to serve in offices of public responsibility and trust. During the past five years he has been supervisor of the town of Windham, sitting on the county board, and in addition has been a member of the Windham Board of Education. Mr. Osborn is also active fraternally. In the Masonic Order he is a member and Past Master of Mountain Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Past District Deputy of the Greene and Ulster County Masonic District; a member of the various higher York Rite bodies, including Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters; Kingston Commandery, Knights Templar; and Cyprus Temple of the Shrine at Albany. Mr. Osborn is also a member of Jim City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a member and director of the Windham Country Club, on whose greens committee he now serves. He is past president of the Windham Hose Company and past president of the Greene County Firemen's Association. He served as chairman of the Mountain District of the Greene-Ulster Boy Scout Council for four years. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

On October 6, 1923, George W. Osborn married Florence Dodge, of Ashland, daughter of Francis L. and Mary E. (Clark) Dodge. Her father (*q. v.*) is the county's oldest merchant in point of active service. Mrs. Osborn who was born on November 11, 1892, is a graduate of Catskill High School.

HAROLD F. SPONABLE—Since 1923, when he entered the insurance business at Fort Plain, Harold F. Sponable has become a well-known figure in the life of Montgomery County. He has developed a large business, representing many leading insurance companies, and has also been active in public affairs. At the present time he serves as town clerk of the town of Palatine.

Mr. Sponable was born June 22, 1899, at Nelliston, Montgomery County, and is a son of Fox and Clara (Empie) Sponable. His father, who was born near St. Johnsville in 1870 and died in July, 1932, was a prominent lawyer at Fort Plain and at the time of his death was surrogate of Montgomery County. His mother, who was born in 1866 at Ephratah, Fulton County, is descended from an old Colonial family and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Harold F. Sponable attended the public schools of Nelliston, the Fort Plain High School and Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, New Jersey, where he was a member of the class of 1920. He completed his education at Albany Business College in 1921 and in the same year became associated with the Federal Income Tax Bureau in Albany. This connection he continued until 1923, when he returned to Fort Plain and launched his present business. Under his successful management it has grown steadily. Mr. Sponable represented the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company, the American Surety Company, and Royal Insurance Company, the American Fire Group and many other old line companies. His office handles all types of insurance, maintaining a diversified service of which the people of this section have freely availed themselves. To his responsibilities in public life as town clerk of the town of Palatine, he brings the same energy and efficiency, and the character of his administration, since he assumed office for a two-year term on January 1, 1940, has commanded the confidence of the electorate.

Mr. Sponable is a Republican in politics and is influential in his party. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order and is a member of various other organizations, business, civic and social, including the New York State Agents' Association, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Fort Plain Fish and Game Club and the Masonic Club at Cedar Lake. He is also a member of the

Reformed Church at Fort Plain. Mr. Sponable is fond of sports and makes a particular hobby of fishing and baseball.

On October 4, 1925, at Fort Plain, he married Constance Wood, who was born in this village, daughter of Edwin and Berdella (Wentworth) Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Sponable, who make their home in Nelliston, are the parents of two children: Donald, born at Utica on January 18, 1930; and Kay Phyllis, born at Amsterdam in October, 1934.

CLINTON E. SNYDER, D. D. S.—The two decades that Dr. Clinton E. Snyder has spent in Canajoharie have been of eminent value to the community and himself. Through his skill as a dentist and specialist in dental surgery he has acquired a large clientele. By his keen and constructive activities in civic, business and commercial affairs he has contributed importantly to its progress and prosperity.

Dr. Snyder was born at Van Hornesville, New York, November 25, 1885, son of Eugene M. and Cora (Shaul) Snyder, both natives of Van Hornesville. His father, now deceased, was a merchant prominent in town life and highly esteemed. Clinton E. Snyder attended the public schools of Herkimer County; was graduated from the Little Falls High School, in 1905, and went to the University of Pennsylvania for his technical education, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery with the class graduated in 1914. After leaving the university he practiced his profession at Newburgh, New York, until 1916, when he removed to Coxsackie, New York, remaining for about three years. In 1919 Dr. Snyder opened offices in Canajoharie and has been engaged in a general practice here since, giving more and more attention to dental surgery down the years. His reputation is more than local, and he continues to be a student of his profession.

Dr. Snyder keeps in close touch with colleagues and advances in his profession by memberships in the American Dental Association, the Dental Society of the State of New York, and the Third District Dental Society, State of New York. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Rensselaer Club. He attends the St. John's Lutheran Church.

On October 20, 1909, at Canajoharie, New York, Dr. Clinton E. Snyder married Lena E. Shineman, born here, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Waner) Shineman, both natives of Germany.

DEWITT C. SHULTS—Independently engaged in the insurance business, Dewitt C. Shults centers his activities in Fort Plain and handles a general line of insurance.

Mr. Shults was born July 15, 1903, in Fort Plain, New York, son of William D. and Ida (Bullock) Shults. His father, born in September, 1867, in Fort Plain, early entered the insurance business here, and in his political life aligned himself with the Republican party. The mother was born in Canajoharie. The paternal grandfather, Dewitt C. Shults, settled about 1865 in Fort Plain, coming from Palatine to this place.

Fort Plain schools provided Dewitt C. Shults' early education, and after graduation from high school in 1921 he became a student at Syracuse University. Early in his career he turned his attention to business affairs, and from 1925 to 1927 he was associated with the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, in Hartford, Connecticut, and Atlanta, Georgia. Later he entered his father's insurance office at Fort Plain, handling a general line of insurance and continuing the partnership until June, 1931. At that time his father died, whereupon Dewitt C. Shults carried on the work independently. He represents the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Home Insurance Company, the Insurance Company of North America and the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, as well as a number of other old-line companies.

Living in Fort Plain, he interests himself extensively in public affairs here, where he is active in the Republican party, is a director of Fort Plain National Bank, a trustee of Fort Plain Cemetery, and is affiliated with the Fort Plain Club, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Delta Upsilon fraternity and the Fort Plain Reformed Church. Fishing and hunting are among his favorite recreations.

In Fort Plain, New York, April 11, 1928, Dewitt C. Shults married Marion I. Merkel, born in the town of Palatine, daughter of Harrison and Lulu (Saltsman) Merkel, of that town. The following are the children of this marriage: 1. Dewitt C. Shults, born January 12, 1929, in Fort Plain. 2. Deborah Ann Shults, born September 13, 1933, also in this place.

LEON COPLESTON—Operating an extensive fruit farm in Coxsackie, Leon Copleston raises mainly apples and pears, though he takes a broad general interest in farming and in everything having to do with the betterment of agricultural conditions in his community and district. He conducts what is one of the oldest farming properties in this area of New York State, and into the historic atmosphere of this farm he has brought the advantages of certain modern methods. His deep interest in mechanics, particularly in certain kinds of machines, like gas engines, has served him well in his farm work.

Mr. Copleston was born November 24, 1882, Thanksgiving Day, in Nyack, New York, son of Lancelot and Mabel Ermina (Morse) Copleston. His father, who was

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widely known in business circles as a sales representative, came from Wrentham, Massachusetts; he died June 19, 1940. The mother came from Franklin, Massachusetts; she passed away August 9, 1936.

Public schools of New York City provided Leon Copleston's early formal education, and he had a year of study at the College of the City of New York. He also had two years study at the Commercial High School at Brooklyn, New York. In young manhood he became associated with the Standard Marine Construction Company, of Jersey City, New Jersey, and afterward spent two years with the Rogers-Peet clothing stores. He was associated with the Lincoln National Bank, of New York City, for sixteen years. Then, in 1919, he decided to leave New York and to take over the fruit farm of his father-in-law, Jeremiah Rea, in Coxsackie. Since that time he has successfully operated this farm property, producing mostly apples and pears, as indicated above, but also some other fruits. Many anecdotes and stories connect this property prominently with New York State history, and some of the buildings now in use on this land are more than a century old.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Copleston is a director of the Coxsackie National Bank. He follows an independent course in his political views, is a member of the Coxsackie Board of Trade, and in the Free and Accepted Masons belongs to many branches, including Ark Lodge, No. 48, Coxsackie Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Catskill Council of Royal and Select Masters and Lafayette Commandery of Hudson.

On August 1, 1917, Leon Copleston married Isabelle Briggs Rea, of Coxsackie, New York, who was born on the farm which the Coplestons now occupy, in the same house in which she still lives. Her parents were Jeremiah and Teresa (Briggs) Rea, of Coxsackie, both now deceased. Her father was for years engaged in agricultural operations and in the ice business. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Copleston, Jeremy Morse Copleston, on March 20, 1927. He is at the time of writing a student in Coxsackie High School.

WILBUR THEODORE CLEMENS—Since he left the active ministry early in his career, Wilbur Theodore Clemens has devoted himself to education, to social work of various kinds and to organizational activities in behalf of the interdenominational church movement. He is now general secretary of the New York State Council of Churches.

Mr. Clemens was born at Westernville, New York, November 19, 1884, son of Andrew J. Clemens, a mill owner and farmer, and Eliza J. Clemens. He was educated at Cazenovia Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1906, and at Syracuse University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911 and subsequently carried on graduate work in 1913-14, leading to the degree of Master of Arts. From 1911 to 1913 he was pastor of the Methodist Church and assistant principal of the high school at Parish, New York. In 1913 he became church secretary of the Syracuse Council of Churches and continued as such until 1915, when he was appointed superintendent of employment of the State Industrial Commission at Syracuse. In 1918 he resigned to become superintendent of employment of the Merchants Shipbuilding Corporation, at Bristol, Pennsylvania, a position he filled for two years. From 1920 to 1927 Mr. Clemens was professor of sociology and head of the department of sociology at Syracuse University. From 1927 to 1935 he was secretary of Greater New York Federation of Churches and in 1935 was called to wider administrative duties as general secretary of the New York State Council of Churches at Albany. This office he still holds.

Mr. Clemens is well known in the Capital Region and by a recent appointment from Governor Lehman is now serving as a member of the Commission to Investigate Discrimination in War Industries. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Beta Phi and Theta Chi Beta fraternities and continues as an active member of the Methodist Church.

On June 11, 1908, at South Bay, New York, he married Irma Louise Stephens, daughter of Albert G. and Mary M. Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have two children: Nile C., born August 30, 1909; and DeWitt C., born October 6, 1916.

AMBERSON J. CUNNINGHAM—Widely known in Greenville and its environs, Amberson J. Cunningham has devoted his attention mainly to the undertaking business. The furniture business that he formerly conducted in conjunction with this enterprise has gradually been limited to boarding house supplies.

Mr. Cunningham was born May 15, 1863, in Greenville, New York, son of John and Sabrina (Bishop) Cunningham, of Albany County, both now deceased. His father was active in farming. He and the mother became the parents of eight children: 1. James Henry. 2. George A. 3. Amberson J., of further mention. 4. Celicia. 5. Norman. 6. Lester. 7. Ida. 8. Irene S.

District schools furnished the early education of Amberson J. Cunningham, who, after attending the "old stone schoolhouse" in his neighborhood, helped with the work on his parents' farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then took over the farm of his wife's parents and operated it for the next thirteen years. During this period he served as commissioner of highways in the town of Westerlo, Albany County, for three years, the farm being situated in that town. In his three years as commissioner of highways he superintended the building of ten steel bridges and their abutments. Also in 1939 he supervised the construction of a new dam for the Greenville village lake and the laying of a wall in connection with it with funds solicited from the residents to the amount of nearly $1,000. At the age of twenty-nine he came to Greenville and entered the undertaking business, continuing with this work down to the time of writing. Starting with a minimum of equipment, he has gradually increased his plant until today he has a fine chapel and the best modern facilities and conveyances. He has, as already indicated, limited the scope of his former furniture business, and he no longer operates the extensive business in farm machinery and feeds that he at one time built up.

Mr. Cunningham is a member of the New York State Embalmers' and Funeral Directors' Association and of the National Funeral Directors' Association. His son, Leland A. Cunningham, has for some years been associated in business with him. A. J. Cunningham is also intensely interested in community affairs. A Republican in politics, he was for several years a member of the board of education, and for twelve years he was a justice of the peace. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with James M. Austin Lodge, Greenville Chapter, No. 283, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is High Priest, and Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters. He has been a member of South Westerlo Christian Church for sixty-three years. He has attended the Greenville Methodist Church for forty-three years and is a member of the board. He is a member of Hiawatha Grange at Dormansville.

A. J. Cunningham married (first), in 1885, Carrie Bates, of Westerlo, New York, who died December 6, 1923. He married (second), in 1926, Elizabeth (Spees) Cunningham, widow of his brother, Lester Cunningham, referred to above, a farmer and rural mail carrier in this district. Lester and Elizabeth (Spees) Cunningham became the parents of two children: 1. Leland A. Cunningham, born July 25, 1913, graduated from Greenville Academy, Albany Business College, Worsham College of Embalming (in Chicago); entered his stepfather's business; he married Clarice J. Palmer, of South Westerlo, September 15, 1934, and they became the parents of a daughter, Carol Jeannette Cunningham, born March 4, 1939. 2. Dorothy E. Cunningham, born August 29, 1910, graduated from Greenville Academy and Oswego Normal School, now a teacher in the Westwood, New Jersey, schools.

GEORGE CARL KIMMERER—For more than half a century, George Carl Kimmerer has been active in the life of Canajoharie, where he has held many public offices while pursuing at the same time an extended business career. He is now manager of the J. W. Shults Coal Company.

Born at Utica on July 5, 1869, Mr. Kimmerer is a son of George and Mina (Schrader) Kimmerer. His father, born at Stuttgart, Germany, came to this country in early life and was a hotel proprietor at Utica and Canajoharie. The mother, Mina (Schrader) Kimmerer, was born in Canajoharie.

George Carl Kimmerer was educated in the public school of Canajoharie and after completing the high school course in 1887, attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. In 1888 he entered the employ of W. S. Bellinger at Canajoharie, initiating a business association which continued for many years. In 1898 he acquired a half interest in this enterprise and after Mr. Bellinger's death purchased the remaining interest, operating the business as sole owner until 1930. At that time he became associated with the J. W. Shults Coal Company and has since been its manager.

An experienced business man, Mr. Kimmerer has also given generously of his time and effort in service of a public character. He was village treasurer of Canajoharie for two terms in 1896 and 1906, was mayor of the village in 1911-12, supervisor of the town and member of the County Board of Supervisors in 1916-17 and again from 1932 to 1935, inclusive, and town welfare officer in 1936. In 1938 he was elected justice of the peace for a four-year term which he is now serving. During the World War, Mr. Kimmerer served as a captain in the Canajoharie Home Defense unit and was a member of the local registration board under the Selective Service Act. He is a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce and affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Masonic Order he is Past Master of his Blue Lodge and has been active in the various higher York Rite bodies, including the Royal Arch Chapter, of which he is Past High Priest, and Past Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, and the Commandery, Knights Templar. A Lutheran in religious faith, he is president of the church council of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Canajoharie. Philately is his principal hobby.

On October 10, 1894, at Canajoharie, George Carl Kimmerer married Ena Carle, who was born here on October 5, 1869, daughter of Luther Carle, born at Sharon, New York, and Sarah (Neff) Carle, born in Amsterdam.

EDWARD J. HAMBRECHT—Throughout his active business career Edward J. Hambrecht has been connected with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, in Canajoharie, where he has served since 1922 as superintendent of candy production. He has figured prominently also in the civic and social life of his community, and is widely known throughout the Capital Region.

Mr. Hambrecht was born January 22, 1895, in Fort Plain, New York, son of Henry and Augusta (Frederick) Hambrecht. His father, born in Germany, came early in life to this country, and was for years a blacksmith and wagonmaker in Canajoharie, as well as a Republican in politics and a leading fraternalist through his activity in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The mother was born in Canajoharie.

Canajoharie public schools provided Edward J. Hambrecht's early formal education, and after high school study he started to work with the Beech-Nut Packing Company in Canajoharie. At first he was connected with the advertising department, beginning February 9, 1912. Until 1914 Mr. Hambrecht had charge of shipping, advertising and supplies, and gradually he made his way into the company's production department. From 1914 to 1918 he was in the compressed mint department. There followed his period of service in the United States Army, in which he became attached to the 149th Machine Gun Company, 41st Division. He served for seven months overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, then returned to the United States and resumed his work with the Beech-Nut Packing Company in Canajoharie. Rejoining the staff of the Beech-Nut company, he was again with the compressed mint department after 1922. Since that time he has held varied assignments in Candy Plant No. 2, though he has served continuously since 1922 as superintendent of candy production. He has supervision over the activities of about 185 employees in this plant, and is recognized as one of the Beech-Nut organization's leading executives.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Hambrecht is active in many civic and social groups in Canajoharie. He belongs to the American Legion post here, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. Fishing and hunting are his favorite leisure-time pursuits, and he is intensely fond of the out-of-doors. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, in Canajoharie.

In Canajoharie, New York, January 5, 1918, Edward J. Hambrecht married Hazel Birk, a native of Nelliston, New York, daughter of Willis and Katherine (Goodbread) Birk, both now deceased, the father a native of Nelliston and the mother of Fort Plain, this State. The daughter of this marriage, Doris Eileen Hambrecht, was born May 13, 1920, in Canajoharie.

MICHAEL PHILIP CORY—Engaged independently in the practice of law in Canajoharie, Michael Philip Cory occupies a position of leadership and high standing in the professional circle in which he moves.

Mr. Cory was born April 18, 1908, at Dutchess Junction, Dutchess County, New York, son of Herbert G. and Lillian Cory, both natives of Syria. His father was born October 29, 1879, and died June 7, 1938, and was for years a linen importer in this country. He was a Republican in politics and a resident of Newburgh, New York. His mother was born May 27, 1886.

Public schools of Beacon, New York, furnished Michael Philip Cory's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1925 from Newburgh Free Academy, Newburgh, New York. He then attended Washington College, at Chestertown, Maryland, and from 1926 to 1928 was a student at Albany Law School, taking his degree from New York Law School in 1930 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New York State bar, he served a clerkship with the Hon. A. H. F. Seeger, of Newburgh, Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, in 1930 and 1931. Then, from 1931 to 1933, Mr. Cory was with Arthur B. Lanphier, of Albany, and in the same city he was associated in the practice of law, in 1933 and 1934, with Martin J. Howard. They carried on a general law practice, covering all branches of the profession. Mr. Cory came to Canajoharie in 1935, starting his independent practice here on February twelfth of that year and continuing his labors along these lines down to the time of writing.

Making his home in Canajoharie, Mr. Cory has interested himself in a wide variety of activities here. He is counsel to the Canajoharie National Bank. Formerly he was attorney for the village of Canajoharie, and he is at the time of writing attorney for the village of Ames. Politically he is a Republican, and, in addition to his other activities, he serves as attorney and director of the Workmen's Compensation Committee of Montgomery County. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, Mapletown Grange, the Delta Theta Phi fraternity, the Fort Rensselaer Club and the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club (of which he was formerly vice-president). He serves on the board of review of the Boy Scouts of America. Active in the Reformed Church, Mr. Cory has a Sunday school class, is past president of the Men's Society, and is a member of the Men of St. Mark's and the Reformed Church Men's Club.

Michael Philip Cory married, June 30, 1934, in Fort Plain, New York, Isabelle Priscilla Hammersley, who was born November 5, 1908, in Albany, New York, daughter of the Rev. William H. Hammersley, D. D., who was born in England, and Grace Mary (Stewart) Hammersley, born in Rutland, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Cory became the parents of a daughter, Faith Stewart Cory, who was born October 30, 1938, in Amsterdam, New York.

EARLE R. PICKETT—With the Beech-Nut Packing Company, Earle R. Pickett has performed an important work in Canajoharie, serving as head chemist and director of research and development in this important industrial organization.

Mr. Pickett was born August 10, 1896, in Georgetown, Massachusetts, son of Edward and Bernice (Robinson) Pickett, both natives of that Massachusetts community. The father has now retired from his active endeavors.

Public schools of Georgetown and Haverhill, Massachusetts, provided Earle R. Pickett's early formal education, and after graduation from Haverhill High School in 1913 he became a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he remained from 1913 to 1915. He was graduated in 1920 as a Bachelor of Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In that same year he associated himself with the Beech-Nut Packing Company in Canajoharie, serving until 1923 as a bacteriologist. Since that time he has been connected with the company's chemical laboratory, becoming head chemist in 1929 and so continuing down to the time of writing. He holds today the title of director of research and development.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Pickett is a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Institute of Food Technologists, the American Chemical Society and the Social Chemical Industry of England. In leisure time Mr. Pickett gives a great deal of time and study to agriculture, in which he is deeply interested and which he recognizes as highly important, particularly in connection with matters of soil chemistry. During the World War he was associated with his country's military forces for two years. Serving in the Medical Corps of the Army, he was with the American Expeditionary Forces, and also was attached to the British Royal Army Medical Corps. Enlisting in June, 1917, he held the sergeant's rank until honorably discharged in July, 1919. He had valuable service in Flanders and the Meuse-Argonne sector, and was with the Army of Occupation in Germany after the Armistice. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Reformed Church.

In Canajoharie, New York, July 31, 1926, Earle R. Pickett married Lillian Bodley, a native of Syracuse, New York, daughter of Harry and Myrtle Bodley, of that place. John E. Pickett, the son of this marriage, born December 16, 1930, in Syracuse, is at the time of writing a student in Canajoharie schools.

PAUL RHODES CROOKER—Broad business experience has made Paul Rhodes Crooker's work with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, in Canajoharie, of great value to the organization. He holds the post of manager of food products with this company, and is widely known, too, for his participation in civic and social affairs in his community.

Mr. Crooker was born January 2, 1888, in Brockton, Massachusetts, son of Charles C. and Addie (Rhodes) Crooker, both natives of Massachusetts, the father of Pembroke and the mother of Brockton. Charles C. Crooker, who was born in August, 1852, and died in December, 1937, was for years treasurer of the Brockton Savings Bank. A Republican, he served for many years as an alderman of the city of Brockton. Mrs. Addie (Rhodes) Crooker died in 1938.

Public schools of Brockton provided Paul Rhodes Crooker's early formal education, and after graduation from Brockton High School in 1907 he became a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1911. In 1911 and 1912 he was connected with the Norton Grinding Company, in Worcester, Massachusetts. Then he was associated, from 1913 to 1917, with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, at Canajoharie, serving as assistant mechanical engineer. During the period of American participation in the World War, he was in the Ordnance Supply Department of the Army, in Washington, District of Columbia, and held the rank of second lieutenant through most of the conflict and was a first lieutenant at the time when he was honorably discharged.

Mr. Crooker then resumed his connection with the Beech-Nut company, in Canajoharie, serving as mechanical engineer from 1917 to 1926, actively so after his return from his army service. In 1926 he was placed in full charge of all the company's food products, as well as of shipping, receiving and related company functions. In addition to his work as manager of food products here, Mr. Crooker takes a lively interest in the affairs of his community. Politically he is a Republican, and he belongs to Raymond W. Smith Post No. 222 of the American Legion and to the Tau Beta Phi fraternity. In spare time he enjoys fishing and other outdoor recreations, and makes a hobby of stamp collecting. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

In Canajoharie, New York, June 30, 1917, Paul Rhodes Crooker married Geneva V. Cross, born in Walpole, Massachusetts, daughter of John A. and Rachael Cross. Her father was born at Barnegat, New Jersey. The following are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Crooker: 1. Norma K. Crooker, born May 1, 1921, in Canajoharie. 2. Charles C. Crooker, 2d, born December 4, 1926, also in Canajoharie.

CHARLES EDGAR FORD—The Beech-Nut Packing Company, Canajoharie's most famous industry, has furnished the background for the career of Charles Edgar Ford. He has been associated with the organization since

Ward G. Ackerman

1910 and is now superintendent of the gum department in charge of the manufacture of Beech-Nut chewing gum.

Mr. Ford was born in Fultonville on April 3, 1889, son of George Franklin and Ida Belle (Griggs) Ford. His father, who was born at German Flats and died in 1905, was employed by the New York Central Railroad. His mother was born in Fultonville.

Educated in the public schools of Palatine Bridge and Canajoharie, Charles Edgar Ford attended Canajoharie High School and on August 24, 1910, entered the employ of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, beginning in the cap department. In 1911 he was transferred to the stock room and in December, 1912, entered the gum department where he filled various positions and on the basis of his record and experience was eventually appointed assistant superintendent. In 1927 he assumed his present responsibilities as superintendent. In this capacity he heads a department employing 125 people and is in full charge of the manufacture of the famous Beech-Nut chewing gum products.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Ford is active in Republican politics and now serves as county committeeman of his party. He is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and is also a member of the Fort Rensselaer Club, of which he is past president. Mr. Ford attends the Reformed Church. Reading is his favorite hobby.

On September 26, 1912, at Canajoharie, he married Ethel Snyder, born here on April 9, 1892, daughter of William and Carrie (Wells) Snyder.

WARD G. ACKERMAN—The business career of Ward G. Ackerman, of Altamont, Albany County, New York, has been identified since young manhood mainly with grain products. Since coming to Altamont, thirteen years ago, he has added other important interests, without leaving the commercial field in which he has a long and successful experience. His civic, club and sports activities have increased notably with the years, and he is a recognized leader in city life.

Mr. Ackerman was born at Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, September 21, 1897, son of Schuyler C. and Elizabeth (Glover) Ackerman, the former a native of St. Lawrence County; the latter of Utica, this State. His father, now retired, long has been an exemplary citizen and Democrat, influential in public and political affairs. He formerly was a member of the Common Council at Little Falls and town clerk of Nassau, New York.

After attending the public schools of Little Falls and being graduated from the high school, Ward G. Ackerman supplemented his academic education with courses in the Albany Business College that were completed in 1917. Shortly after he became a salesman with the Sleepy Eye Flour Mills, of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, remaining as such until 1921, when he set himself up in business with his brother, Earl Ackerman, at Albany. Until 1924 he was thus engaged, when he purchased a similar business and establishment at Nassau, New York. In 1927, he followed practically the same course at Altamont, but year by year has largely increased the scope of his interests from flour and grains to include the manufacture of a number of dairy and poultry feeds, seeds, and selling of all manner of building supplies—lumber, paints, cements—and he operates a coal yard as well. His business acumen and fair-dealing have won reputation that is more than of local character.

As would be expected of a young man, both of whose grandfathers had been Union soldiers in the War Between the States, when the United States became involved in the World War, Ward G. Ackerman enlisted in the United States Army in November, 1918. For the most part he was stationed at Albany, and was a member of the Reserve Officers' Corps, New York State College for Teachers. He is treasurer of the Albany County Agricultural Society and Exposition; is a popular member of the Altamont Chamber of Commerce, and of the Northeastern Retail Lumbermens Association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Noah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Capital City Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; DeWitt Clinton Council, Royal and Select Masters, and the Kaa-Rheu-Vahn Grotto, at Albany, and Elks Lodge, No. 49, Albany. Among his clubs are the Altamont Gun, Albany Automobile, Western Turnpike Golf, and he is a member of the American Legion. He is a member of the Universalist Church at Little Falls, New York.

At Central Bridge, New York, April 2, 1923, Ward G. Ackerman married Marion Burton Campbell, of this place. Mrs. Ackerman served during the World War for eighteen months as a nurse with the American Expeditionary Forces, being overseas for a full year. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

JOHN A. HOLLAND—Successfully engaged in the insurance business in Schenectady, John A. Holland is treasurer of Ter Bush & Powell, one of the largest agencies in this part of the country.

Mr. Holland was born February 3, 1892, in Rome, New York, son of Edward S. and Mary Elizabeth (Collins) Holland. His father was born near Rome, New York, in 1858, and died in 1933. He was a machinist by trade. The mother, born in Florence, New York, in 1856, died on May 28, 1927.

Mr. Holland attended public schools in Schenectady, and was graduated from high school here in 1911. He attended Union College where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi. Following this he studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, in Carnegie Hall, New York City, where he was graduated in 1914. In 1915 Mr. Holland became associated with the firm of Ter Bush & Powell, general insurance agency. At first he sold all types and kinds of insurance. Then, later, he became a member of the firm, as well as a stockholder, director and officer. At the time of writing he is serving as treasurer of the organization, which describes itself as the largest independent insurance agency between New York City and Cleveland, Ohio.

In political affairs Mr. Holland has followed an independent course, aligning himself with neither of the major parties, but casting his vote and influence on the side of measures and candidates of his choice. He belongs to a number of civic and social bodies, among them the Lambs' Club, of New York; the Mohawk Golf Club; the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce; and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, which he joined in his student days. He is fond of the out-of-doors, and plays golf in leisure time. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On November 25, 1916, John A. Holland married Margaret T. Bolan, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of James D. and Josephine (O'Toole) Bolan. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. John A. Holland, Jr., born November 24, 1918, became a member of the class of 1941 at Notre Dame University. 2. Joan M. Holland, born April 12, 1928.

EDWARD B. LUTZ—After an earlier business career which brought him a number of contacts and interests, Edward B. Lutz entered the feed business at Prattsville, launching the enterprise which he has conducted on an expanding scale for more than twenty years.

He was born on November 5, 1883, son of Julius T. Lutz, a farmer, born in New York City, died in 1931, and Mary E. (White) Lutz, who was born in Roxbury and is still living at the age of eighty-three. After a public school education, supplemented by a course at Spencer Business College, Edward B. Lutz farmed for several years as a young man and then entered the employ of the American Express Company, working in Westchester County at Irvington-on-Hudson and Yonkers. This connection he continued for four years. One year in the neckwear business followed, and then he moved to Jewett and entered the feed business. The next stage in his career took him to New Haven, Connecticut, where he remained in the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company until 1918. The latter year witnessed the establishment of his present business at Prattsville, since which time his activities have centered without interruption in Greene County. To his original feed business he has added a line of farm supplies and in recent years has also handled lumber and allied products. The development of this business, which has proceeded gradually, has been expedited by the purchase of other similar enterprises and is today one of the largest of its kind in this entire area.

Mr. Lutz is affiliated fraternally with Oasis Lodge, No. 119, Free and Accepted Masons, and in the same order is a member of Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Windham. He is also affiliated with Westchester Lodge, No. 350, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Tarrytown. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder.

On June 30, 1909, Edward B. Lutz married Nellie C. Ploss, daughter of N. W. and Eliza (Artman) Ploss, of Jewett. They are the parents of six children: 1. Edward A., who was graduated from Roxbury High School, took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University, the Master of Arts degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and received his doctorate at Cornell University in June, 1940. In 1937 he married Madeline O'Connell, of Reno, Nevada. 2. Dorothy G., who was also graduated from Roxbury High School, and after taking the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University, became a teacher. 3. Mary Louise, who was graduated from Roxbury High School, attended Ithaca College and married Gerald Pierce. They have one daughter, Nancy Jane. 4. Sayers A., a graduate of Roxbury High School and attended Cornell University; is now associated with his father in the Prattsville feed business and, in addition, serves as town clerk. He married Angeline Burroughs, of Roxbury, New York, and they have a son, Sayers Albert. 5. Paul A., a graduate of Gilboa Central High School and Cornell University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1940. He is now associated with Montgomery Ward & Company at Albany. 6. Ruth N., a graduate of Gilboa Central High School, now attending Cornell University.

HENRY JACOB HOYSRADT—One of the substantial dairy farmers of the Ancramdale district in Columbia County, Henry Jacob Hoysradt has devoted himself principally to this interest throughout his active career. He is a member of a well-known local family and has served his community and its institutions in many connections.

Mr. Hoysradt was born in Ancramdale in 1885, son of Jacob Henry and Carrie (Miller) Hoysradt. His father was a farmer and was also supervisor of the town of Ancram for twelve years and served one term as member of the Assembly.

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Henry Jacob Hoysradt received his education in Columbia County schools, completing the high school course. Since he began the active business of his life, his primary interest has been his 191-acre dairy farm, which he has developed as a model dairy, fully equipped with all modern devices. It is one of the show places of the Ancramdale area and one of its finest dairy farms. Since 1908 Mr. Hoysradt has also operated the local mail route for this entire district. As a good citizen he has taken a strong interest in public affairs and the civic progress of his community and at present serves as a trustee of the Ancramdale School Board.

Mr. Hoysradt is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the local Rod and Gun Club. A Lutheran in religious faith, he serves as an elder of his church.

He married, at Ancram, in 1914, Leila E. Nives. Mr. and Mrs. Hoysradt are the parents of three children: 1. Carrie, born in 1915, married Carl Harrington, of Hudson. 2. Henry Russell, born in 1918, a professional baseball player signed by the New York Yankees team of the American League and at present playing the outfield with their farm club in the Piedmont League. 3. Gladys, born in 1922, married Stephen Brodie, of Danbury, Connecticut. There are two grandsons: Gary and Jack Harrington.

JAMES GARFIELD PULVER—Dividing his active career between his early dairy farming interests at West Copake and his later duties as a corporation executive, James Garfield Pulver operated successfully in both fields. He is a member of one of the oldest families in Columbia County.

Mr. Pulver was born at Copake on June 20, 1880, son of John G. and Anna (Ostrander) Pulver and a descendant of Peter S. Pulver, first of the family in Columbia County.

James Garfield Pulver received a high school education. His boyhood was spent on the family farm in Columbia County, which he conducted for a number of years as a very modern and fully equipped dairy farm. Turning from this interest to a career in industry, he became associated with the Tydol Corporation of America, and as vice-president of the corporation had an important rôle in its management until he retired to devote himself to his personal interests.

Mr. Pulver has resigned his previous directorships and all of his civic and club connections, but continues his affiliation with the Masonic Order.

In 1904 he married Olive E. Dinehart, daughter of Franklin Dinehart and Henrietta (Link) Dinehart, who died October 28, 1935, and a descendant of Henry Astor, nationally prominent financier. Mr. and Mrs. Pulver became the parents of two sons: 1. Herbert Dinehart, born July 16, 1905, who now occupies the office and positions vacated by his father. He married Bernice Walker. 2. John Alan, born April 24, 1906, a graduate of Union College, who died in 1933.

CHARLES L. NICHOLS, M. D.—Highly esteemed among the people of Philmont, Dr. Charles Luman Nichols has made, as a physician, a substantial contribution to his native community and district.

Dr. Nichols was born in Philmont, New York, March 20, 1883, son of Lorenzo W. and Amelia (Closson) Nichols. His father, a general merchant during his active years, lived in retirement for some years in Philmont, the center of his lifelong endeavors, and died in 1939. The mother passed from this life in 1933.

Philmont schools provided Charles L. Nichols' early formal education, and for his professional studies he went to Albany Medical School, Union College, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1915. After a year as interne in the Memorial Hospital of Albany, New York, and postgraduate work in New York City, he commenced his active practice here, where he is now respected and honored in an ever-growing circle of acquaintance. He is a past president of the Columbia County Medical Society and is a member of the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons and the Dutch Reformed Church, and a member of the Dutch Arms.

In 1928 Dr. Charles L. Nichols married Elizabeth Raymond. They became the parents of a son, Charles R. Nichols, who was born December 22, 1930.

MAJOR PHILIP GOSSLER ROOSA—In the diplomatic service of our country there are "career" men. The same distinction might well be made in the governmental service of a State, and one eligible to the title in New York would be Major Philip Gossler Roosa. Over a period of more than four decades he has been identified with the Department of Correction, at Albany, even before it functioned under this name. He started in a minor capacity and is now assistant administrative commissioner.

Major Roosa was born at Middletown, Orange County, New York, December 28, 1869, son of James Foster and Anna Borden (Cox) Roosa, both now deceased. His mother, born in Middletown, October 29, 1845, died on February 14, 1915. His father, a native of Bethel, New York, born September 21, 1840, died on June 14, 1910.

The older man was long connected with the Orange County Trust Company, of Middletown. He was a veteran of the War Between the States, serving with the Union forces as a first lieutenant of Company K, 124th Regiment, New York State Volunteer Infantry.

Educated in the public grammar and the Walkill Academy, Middletown, Major Roosa secured employment in the Orange County Foundry, where he remained from 1887 to 1890. Then he went with William Millpaugh & Son, merchants of Middletown. After three years he joined the Montauk Iron Works, Brooklyn, New York, during 1892 and 1893. September 14, 1897, marked an important change in his career, for it was at that time that he became a clerk in the Department of the New York State Commission of Prisons, as the present Commission of Correction was then known. Over a period of forty-three years Major Roosa has served this department of New York Government in various capacities, the result of deserved promotions and not of political allegiance—especially in recent years for he is a Republican. He had risen high at the time the "Hughes Commission" formulated the departmental city under which the State government functions, and which went into effect January 1, 1927. Since August 1, 1936, Major Roosa has been Assistant Administrative Commissioner in the Department of Correction. His appointment was well deserved, for there are few men who know so much about many phases of prison work, especially administration.

Following in his father's footsteps so far as military service of his country was concerned, Major Roosa took such part as was permitted by an unprepared army officialdom during the Spanish-American War. He enlisted on May 2, 1897, and became sergeant of Company B, New York Volunteer Infantry, serving until receiving his honorable discharge in February, 1899. Later he was commander of Frank R. Palmer Post, No. 28, of the United Spanish-War Veterans, and by right of notable Colonial ancestry is a member of the Sons of the Revolution. Fraternally he is affiliated with Ten Eyck Lodge, No. 831, Free and Accepted Masons. He attends St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany.

At Boston, Massachusetts, August 2, 1905, Major Philip Gossler Roosa married Elizabeth Crawford Anderson, born at Staunton, Virginia, June 23, 1880, daughter of William and Mary (Ingles) Anderson. Her father was born in Virginia, while her mother was a native of Tennessee. Major and Mrs. Roosa became the parents of the following children: 1. Virginia, born in Albany, February 22, 1909, married Clyde W. Slocum, a native of Warsaw, New York. 2. Lieutenant James A., born in Albany, September 9, 1915, is a member of the Coast Artillery Corps stationed at Fort Ruger, Hawaiian Islands. 3. Elizabeth, born January 21, 1918, at Albany.

JOHN T. LAMPMAN—The story of the Red Mill now operated by John T. Lampman at Claverack goes back to Revolutionary days, when a man named Mueller established a grist or flour mill on the same site as that occupied by the present mill in what is now the town of Claverack. Jacob R. Van Rensselaer received a large grant of land from George III, King of England, and the extent of his holdings, which adjoined those of Chancellor Livingston, made him one of the chief property owners of Columbia County. It was from Van Rensselaer that Mueller obtained his lease for the building site and water power of his mill. After him, the business passed into several different families in succession until Peter S. Pulver, grandfather of the present owner, acquired it by purchase. Since then, three generations of Lampmans have operated the mill: Peter S. Pulver, through his lifetime; his son-in-law, Theodore Lampman until his death in 1896; and after him, John T. Lampman and Alice M. Lampman, widow of Theodore Lampman.

John T. Lampman was born at Craryville, Columbia County, on December 5, 1876, son of Theodore and Alice M. (Pulver) Lampman, both of old families. His father, in addition to his ownership of the Lampman mill, was identified in many ways with the business affairs of Columbia County and was active in civic movements as well as public life. In 1876 he served as chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.

After a public school education, John T. Lampman attended Hudson River Institute and then entered the Lampman mill, which passed to him upon his father's early death in 1896. He has continued its operation since that time, conducting the oldest business of its kind in this section of the State and milling flour and feeds for distribution within a radius of one hundred miles. The old Red Mill, a landmark of the district, is still operated by water power, supplemented by a modern Diesel engine.

Like his father, Mr. Lampman has taken an active part in the civic life of his community and during the World War he rendered exceptionally meritorious service in his country's cause as chairman of the local Red Cross drive to raise funds, for Red Cross work, and was a faithful worker in all Liberty Loan drives. In recognition of his services, he received from the government a very valuable medal. Mr. Lampman has also been active socially and as one of the organizers of the local club, Dutch Arms, of which he is past president. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is prominent in the order, being a member of both York rites, including the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Lampman is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1902 he married May R. Rossman, of Hudson.

FRANCES E. VOSBURGH, M. D.—In the fourteen years which she has devoted to the general practice of medicine at Albany, Dr. Frances E. Vosburgh has firmly established her professional reputation. She has held a number of important medical appointments, in addition to the responsibilities of her own practice, and is active in the city's principal professional organizations.

Dr. Vosburgh was born in Voorheesville, Albany County, on March 12, 1897, daughter of Franklin E. and Mary P. (Chase) Vosburgh. Her father, who was born in Sanford, Broome County, and is now retired, spent fifty-three years in the active service of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. Her mother was born at Otsego, Michigan, in 1868.

Frances E. Vosburgh received her preliminary education in the public schools and after her graduation from Milne High School in 1914, entered Vassar College, where she took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1918. Subsequently she studied at Cornell Medical College and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1925. During the following year, Dr. Vosburgh served as interne at Albany Hospital and at the end of that time began the general practice in Albany which has since occupied the greater part of her attention. She has also been active, however, in other professional connections. From 1927 to 1929, she was assistant school physician of the city of Albany and from 1930 to 1939 was assistant in the department of medicine of Albany Medical College. At the present time she is staff physician for the New York Telephone Company in Albany, an appointment she has held without interruption since 1929.

Dr. Vosburgh is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society and the Medical Society of Albany County, of which she has been treasurer since 1930. Her activity in this organization and her successful record as a practicing physician have made her well known in medical circles of the Capital Region. In addition to her medical appointments and memberships, she is a member and past president of the Albany Branch of the American Association of University Women and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Albany and the Albany City Club. A Unitarian in religious faith, she has served as a member of the board of trustees of her church since 1937. Dr. Vosburgh is a Republican in politics. Her principal hobby is her one hundred-acre farm, located in the town of New Scotland, near Albany, to the operation of which she devotes her personal attention.

MORRIS S. TREMAINE—In 1938, Morris Sawyer Tremaine was elected comptroller of the State of New York for the seventh consecutive term, a total tenure of sixteen years, a record unequalled in New York history by any official chosen by a State-wide electorate. Although without previous experience in public life, Mr. Tremaine assumed his present duties in the State Government after a long and successful business career, and his efficiency as chief fiscal officer of the State was a feature of the successive administrations of which he was a member.

Born at Fort Dodge, Kansas, on February 27, 1871, of English ancestry, Mr. Tremaine was a son of Dr. William Scott Tremaine, who was a surgeon in the Civil War and afterward one of Buffalo's most prominent physicians. When he was ten, Buffalo became the home of the family. Here he completed his preparatory education in public and private schools and subsequently entered Upper Canada College in Toronto. At the age of seventeen he launched his active career with a Buffalo wholesale lumber company, working as tally boy on the docks from early morning until late at night. Perseverance and eagerness to succeed brought him advancement to the position of inspector, and when he was twenty-one, he became a salesman. One year later he opened a branch office of the company at No. 45 Broadway, New York City.

In 1897 Mr. Tremaine became secretary of Montgomery Brothers & Company, lumber dealers. In 1903 he reorganized the Toledo Fire & Marine Insurance Company, becoming its president, and in 1905 he organized and became president of the National Lumber Insurance Company of Buffalo. Both of these companies he later sold. Meanwhile, he also organized the Montgomery Lumber Company of Suffolk, Virginia, and was elected vice-president in 1905. In 1914 he became associated with the J. G. Wilson Corporation, manufacturers of rolling steel doors and folding partitions, with offices in New York City and factory in Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Tremaine was elected president of the company in 1916 and continued as its active head until July 1, 1930, when he resigned the presidency and had since served as chairman of the board of directors. In 1923 he was elected vice-president of Smith, Fassett & Company, Inc., of North Tonawanda, wholesale lumber dealers. He had been interested in several other commercial enterprises, among them the King Sewing Machine Company, which he organized some years ago and later sold to Sears, Roebuck & Company.

Although he had been a Democrat since he cast his first vote for Grover Cleveland and had been active in various civic connections at Buffalo, Mr. Tremaine did not enter public life until 1926, when he was drafted by his party to run for State Comptroller because of his long business experience and exceptional record. On November 2, 1926, he was elected State Comptroller. His term began January 1, 1927, coinciding with the last term of Alfred E. Smith as Governor. In 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934 and 1936, he was reëlected for consecutive two-year terms. Thus he served two years with Alfred E. Smith and during Franklin Delano Roosevelt's two terms as Governor, and during the entire tenure of that office by Herbert H. Lehman. In 1938 he was elected for the seventh time, for the four-year term ended by his death. Since his election, Mr. Tremaine had been a vigorous advocate of reforms in State and local public financing. His own department, as a result of his vigorous leadership, has become a model of public finance administration. As chief fiscal officer of the State, heading the Department of Audit and Control, he audited all State accounts, was custodian of State securities jointly with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, examined court and trust funds and audited all municipal accounts except in the three first class cities, New York, Buffalo and Rochester. He drew warrants for the payment of monies by the State, countersigned all checks, countersigned all receipts and exercised all functions of the commissioners of the canal fund in relation to the canal debt sinking fund. He had charge of the sale of State bonds. He prescribed the method of accounting for State departments, institutions, boards and commissions. Jointly with the commissioner of taxation and finance, he named all State depositories. He purchased and sold all bonds pertaining to the various sinking funds of the State. He was head of the employees' retirement system. Of reforms instituted by Mr. Tremaine in the Department of Audit and Control, the State Manual writes:

> The comptroller's auditing duties have become so extensive and complex during recent years that Comptroller Tremaine has installed a modern system of machine bookkeeping to cope with these tremendously added duties without appreciable increased expense. He is thus enabled to keep abreast of the State's complicated financial activities, furnish a condensed Comptroller's Report within a few weeks of the close of the fiscal year and classify the State's expenditures in much more minute detail than has ever before been possible.

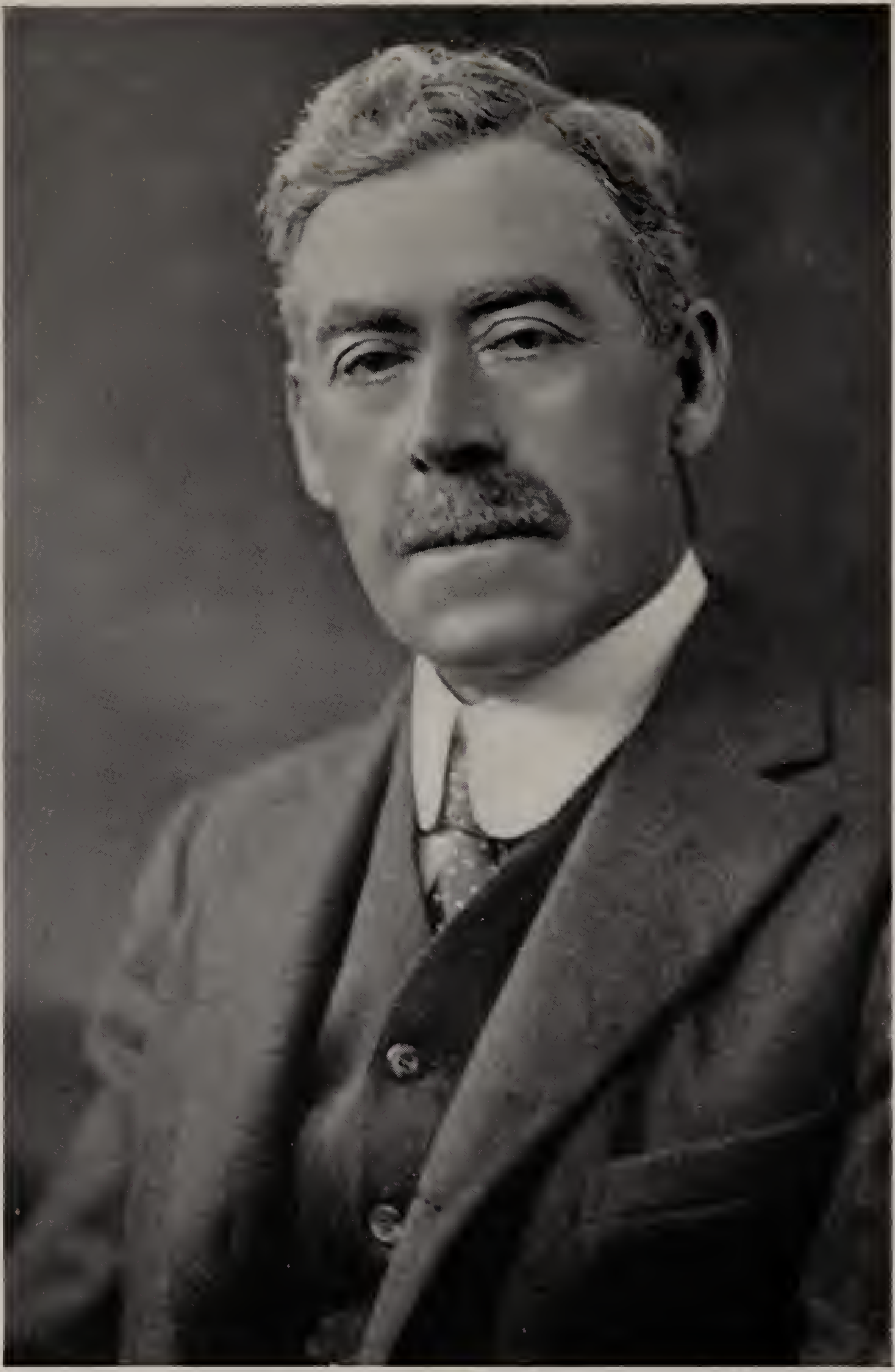
In 1937 his responsibilities were further increased when the Legislature added the duty of auditing the expenditures in the new Social Welfare reorganization. This involved the establishment and maintenance of minute auditing systems for Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Assistance to the Blind and Home Relief.

While all of this indicates the multitudinous demands of the Comptroller's office they do not show the larger capacities of the late incumbent, his ability to appraise the general economic situation and his sagacity to profit by his appraisal. In 1933 New York City bonds were at a low ebb. Front page press headlines flashed the danger of the city's bankruptcy and holders of the bonds were fearful and glad to sell. Mr. Tremaine reasoned that New York City supplies over sixty per cent. of the State revenues and the State furnishes thirty per cent. of the revenues of the entire country. If New York City defaults that means disaster for the United States, an incredible thing, with the country's vast resources. And so, with the courage of this conviction Tremaine bought the city's securities freely and in a few months realized a profit for the State's investment funds of at least five million dollars.

The credit standing of the State, now at a high peak, despite enormous capital outlays, testifies to the zeal and skill with which Mr. Tremaine performed his duties. This rating is due largely to his tireless and sound salesmanship. In season and out he proclaimed the provisions of the State constitution that give extraordinary protection to investors in State bonds and his endless repetition of this security led conservative investors everywhere to see in these bonds a safe harbor in the event of a financial storm. Prices of the bonds went skyward and interest yields descended almost to the vanishing point. Disinterested financial men have calculated that the State saved in interest costs, as compared with any other comparable period, upwards of $25,000,000.

He served under three Governors but his acts and fiscal policies were his own. Because he looked at things objectively, uninfluenced by personal considerations, he could oppose a man's ideas while holding the one opposed in personal esteem. Thus he had disagreed materially with the New Deal's taxation principles. He fought the undistributed corporate profits tax and was a factor in effecting its final repeal. He could see no wisdom in the Capital Gains Tax, but thought it destructive of both jobs and Federal revenue and he was an influence in securing modification of it. Nevertheless he kept the friendship of President Roosevelt, and when one man remarked that he "was attacking the President again," Tremaine replied warmly, "I'm not attacking the President; I'm just trying to keep the Administration out of trouble." He had at times a homely way of expressing economic truths and had little fear of big business, properly regulated. "The only way to have big fish," he remarked, "is to have a lot of little fish. The only way for all workers to have jobs is to have rich men to employ them."

Mr. Tremaine, who was nationally known in the lumber business, was a director for several terms of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers Association and had been associated with other trade and business associations. During the World War, he was a member of the first Red Cross Committee and vice-chairman of the second committee. He was also a major in all the Liberty Loan drives and a large personal subscriber to the bonds. Mr. Tremaine was a member of the Fort Orange Club in Albany, the Bankers Club, Metropolitan Club, the Recess,



Maurice Callahan

and National Democratic Club of New York; the Buffalo Club, Saturn Club, and Buffalo Canoe Club of Buffalo, and of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Buffalo, where he made his residence.

In June, 1898, Morris S. Tremaine married Maude Middledith, of Plainfield, New Jersey, who died on July 28, 1938, soon after they celebrated their fortieth anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tremaine were the parents of two sons: 1. Lawrence, who died December 7, 1939, at the age of thirty-seven, within two years of his mother's passing. 2. James G., of New York City, who has three daughters. Morris S. Tremaine died October 12, 1941.

MAURICE CALLAHAN—Through his many active connections with representative enterprises of the Adirondack country, Maurice Callahan has become a well-known figure in its life. He is president of the Central Adirondack Hotel Corporation, president of the First National Bank of Old Forge, where he makes his home and has important responsibilities in several other companies operating in the Raquette and Blue Mountain Lakes region.

Mr. Callahan was born in Warren County, New York, on July 18, 1870, son of Thomas and Ellen (Moran) Callahan, both natives of Ireland. His father, who came to the United States in early life, was engaged in leather manufacturing at Adirondack and in farming near Chestertown, in Warren County.

Maurice Callahan received a public school education at Adirondack and began his active career at the age of seventeen, when he became a telegraph operator in the summer hotels at Schroon Lake. This connection he continued from 1887 to 1889. During the following four years he was telegraph operator and ticket agent for the Delaware & Hudson Railroad at Crown Point, in Essex County, and then he spent two years at Chestertown. In January, 1895, he moved to Raquette Lake as agent and telegraph operator for the Blue Mountain and Raquette Lake Steamboat Line, and during this period also served as captain on the lake steamers and as assistant postmaster at Raquette Lake. After several years he was transferred to the general office of the steamboat company at Blue Mountain Lake, remaining there until 1902 when he became assistant superintendent of the Fulton Navigation Company, the Fulton Chain Railroad Company and the Raquette Lake Transportation Company at Old Forge. Although the Fulton Chain Railroad Company is no longer in existence, he remains active in the management of the other two companies of this group.

Mr. Callahan has been a resident of Old Forge since 1902. The intervening years have witnessed the steady development of his interests in several fields. He has been a partner in the Raquette Lake Company since 1909, has served as president of the Central Adirondack Hotel Corporation for a number of years and in 1917 assumed the presidency of the First National Bank of Old Forge. As executive head of this institution, his responsibilities occupy much of his time. He is also a director of the Hamilton County National Bank, the only bank in Hamilton County, which he helped organize in 1929, at Wells, New York. Mr. Callahan is also a partner in the Callahan Company, a business established at Blue Mountain Lake in 1901. His business interests have been supplemented by a wide range of civic activities looking toward the development of the areas in which his holdings center and the progress of his community. At Old Forge he has served as village trustee. He has been a trustee of the town of Webb public schools for twenty-five years, is an active member of the Central Adirondack Association and has made his influence felt in many other civic enterprises.

In addition to these connections, Mr. Callahan is a member of the American, New York State and Herkimer County Bankers' associations. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church at Old Forge. Baseball and football are his favorite recreations.

In 1905, at Northville, New York, Mr. Callahan married Emma E. Thompson, who was born at Valley Falls. They are the parents of one son, Maurice, born at Old Forge on April 9, 1910. He is a graduate of Manlius School and Colgate University and is now employed by the First National Bank of Old Forge. Mr. Callahan also has two stepchildren: Durant G. Thompson and Dorothy (Thompson) Grady.

REV. GEORGE S. WALKER—The contribution of the Rev. George S. Walker to the spiritual life of Troy has earned for him wide respect and admiration among the citizens here, as well as the love and affection of his parishioners in St. Augustine's Church. Father Walker's work has had its influence in the promotion of the Catholic faith here and elsewhere, for he has carried out the duties entrusted to him with true fidelity, courage and earnestness of spirit.

Father Walker was born March 31, 1882, in Cambridge, Washington County, New York, son of Solomon and Mary (Buckley) Walker, both of whom were likewise born in Washington County.

Father Walker graduated from Cambridge High School in 1898. He then went to Villanova College, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908. He was sent by his superiors to Rome, Italy, to finish his studies, remaining in Rome until his ordination to the priesthood in 1913. In 1914 and 1915 he was at the Church of the Mother of Good Counsel, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, as assistant priest. Then he taught for about five years in both the college and theological departments of Villanova College, during which time he was Master of Novices and Professed Clerics, at Villanova. From then on he labored throughout the United States of America in giving missions and retreats and was signally successful in conducting retreats for priests and religious. In 1934 he came to Troy to be pastor of St. Augustine's Church, where he continued until recently.

The years since that time were fruitful ones for the parish of St. Augustine in Troy, and Father Walker gained the confidence and affection of members of his own flock and of the general citizenry. He is now pastor of St. Laurence O'Toole Church, at Lawrence, Massachusetts.

HENRY J. ECKERT—Watervliet is an old city that is justly proud of its local establishments of long record. Among the best known of these is H. E. Eckert's Sons, jewelers, which was founded in 1869. In recent years this firm has been owned and directed by Henry J. Eckert, one of the sons. The firm's crest, a rampant lion holding a large letter E aloft, is the hall-mark of some of the most prized silver in the possession of two generations. In more recent years the company has included in its sales and distribution many strictly utilitarian appliances.

A native and lifelong resident of Watervliet, Mr. Eckert was born February 18, 1875, son of Henry E. and Mary (Miller) Eckert. His mother came originally from Troy, New York. His father, a native of Germany, arrived in the United States as a boy and by his own determined efforts and courageous enterprise progressed far in the comercial field. As already indicated, he was the founder in 1869 of H. E. Eckert's Sons which became an institution rather than simply a jewelry store. He was prominent in civic and social life, and his passing was mourned as a great loss to the community, of which he had been an honored member.

Henry J. Eckert, of this record, started his career with a sound public school education supplemented with extensive courses in the Troy Business College. He became associated with his father in 1890 and in a systematic way learned not only the jeweler's trade, but methods of merchandising that served him well in later years when he expanded the scope of the business of this establishment. The store, incidentally, is situated at the same address, Nos. 1525-31 Broadway, Watervliet, where it was started nearly seventy-two years ago. Henry J. Eckert celebrated a full half century's connection with the establishment, in 1940, an achievement in itself infrequently equalled in the annals of merchandising.

The elder Mr. Eckert died in 1916, and the firm was carried on under the same name by the two sons, Oscar E. and H. J. Eckert. Since the death of Oscar in 1938, the concern has been owned and operated by Henry J. Eckert. He has witnessed extraordinary changes in ways of doing business and never has been afraid to make some in his own. The H. E. Eckert's Sons establishment bears little relation to the jewelry store of a quarter of a century ago. One now goes to "Eckert's" when in need of a radio or a frigidaire; of a washer, range, oil burner or electric appliances. Like the old-time jeweler who sold you a watch and kept it in repair, so does this firm service the apparatus it sells.

Mr. Eckert is a director of the National Bank of Watervliet and is financially interested in other investments. He is a trustee of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association, the Leonard Hospital, the Bethesda Home, all of Troy, is vice-president, Troy Area Boy Scouts of America; and is a director of the Good Will Industries, of Troy. For a quarter of a century, Mr. Eckert has been an elder of the Presbyterian Church, of Troy, and a generous supporter of religious and philanthropic work. Golf is his favorite recreation, and he was one of the organizers of the Troy Country Club.

At Albany, New York, October 19, 1899, Henry J. Eckert married Charlotte Hungerford, daughter of John and Lucretia (Secor) Hungerford, and they are the parents of a daughter, Lucretia Eckert, who is married and the mother of a daughter, Jean Hungerford Orth.

THOMAS CARSON BROWN—Since the early years of the century, Thomas Carson Brown has been engaged in business at Schenectady as a general contractor, originally as a member of the firm of Brown & Lowe, but now under his own name, and is very active. In addition to his important business interests he has to his credit a noteworthy record of public service, culminating in his election to the New York State Senate for three terms.

One of nine children, Mr. Brown was born on a farm near Deseronto, Ontario, Canada, on April 21, 1870, son of Thomas A. and Emily Adelaide (Varty) Brown. His father, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1835, was brought to America in 1841 by his parents, William Brown, a weaver, and his wife, Mary Carson, of a family of Ulsterite fame in Northern Ireland. He became a woodsman, farmer and later a contractor in loading lumber laden boats for United States ports on Lake Ontario. His father died in 1891. His mother was born in Ontario in 1840 and died in 1877. Her grandfather, Hiram Varty, an Englishman, was quartermaster in the American Revolution and was settled in Ontario, Canada, by the

English government and given land grants and also a team of horses and an axe to start establishing his home.

Thomas Carson Brown was educated in Ontario public schools and at Ontario Business College in Belleville, Ontario. He spent the early years of his active career in Canadian and Michigan lumber camps, then learned the bricklayer's trade, which he followed. He attended business college before entering the contracting business.

This enterprise was launched at St. Johnsville, New York, where the firm of Brown & Lowe, general contractors, was established in 1896. Headquarters of the firm was moved to Schenectady in 1902 where the business was conducted under the same name until 1928. Then a partnership which had been in existence for thirty-three years was dissolved and Mr. Brown organized his present company, the Thomas C. Brown Company, of which he has been president ever since. In continuing the business under the new name he has retained his position as one of the leading contractors in Upstate New York and constructed many prominent New York State buildings.

Mr. Brown was for many years especially interested in work for young men and took a leading part therein, serving two terms as president of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Brown's interest in public affairs is of long standing. He became active in Republican politics soon after he settled in Schenectady, gained influence in the party through his public and party service and in 1914 was elected State Committeeman, holding this office until 1921. In 1924 he was nominated and elected as a Republican to the first of his three terms in the New York State Senate, in which he served a total of six years. During this entire period he was chairman of the Senate Committee on Penal Institutions and a member of other important committees. When the Lewisohn Commission on the reconstruction and administration of prisons was set up, Mr. Brown was chosen to serve as its legislative member until the close of his senatorial term, and was then reappointed a member of the commission by the then Governor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, serving until 1933. He was also chosen as vice-chairman of the Saratoga Springs Commission headed by Bernard M. Baruch and was among a group of specialists who visited many of the Spas of Europe in 1929, which resulted in the final development of Saratoga Springs as a Spa under the auspices of the State of New York.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He is a charter member of Corlaer Lodge, No. 932, Free and Accepted Masons, and served seven years as treasurer. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and also a member of St. Paul's Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this city and has been fifty years an Odd Fellow and forty-nine years a Mason.

A Methodist in religious faith, Mr. Brown is chairman of the board of trustees of Trinity Methodist Church in Schenectady and trustee of the City Mission, and is one of the nine white members of the board of trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church who are in custody of the church's property. He is president of the board of trustees of the New York State Council of Churches and Religious Education, now affiliated with the New York State Sunday School Association, where his service was of long standing.

On August 1, 1899, he married Hattie Beecher Humphrey, of Little Falls, New York, daughter of Edward and Ellen (Owens) Humphrey. They are the parents of twin daughters: Emily, who married Charles W. Coneway, Jr., of Schenectady, and has two children: Kim Brown Coneway and Elinor Joyce Coneway: and Elinor, who married Exton P. Wilber, of Schenectady, and has one son, Thomas Brown Wilber.

KARL ALFRED WOHLGEMUTH—Engaged in the practice of law in Canajoharie, Karl Alfred Wohlgemuth is widely known throughout this region of New York State.

Mr. Wohlgemuth was born February 7, 1910, in Palatine, Montgomery County, son of Claude P. and Lillian F. (Allen) Wohlgemuth, both natives of this State, the father of Palatine and the mother of Ephratah, in Fulton County. The forebears of Mr. Wohlgemuth established the family in Palatine about 1710. There Claude P. Wohlgemuth was engaged for many years in successful farming activities, was a Democrat and was deeply interested in local affairs.

Mr. Wohlgemuth attended the McKinley District School No. 1, the graded school at Palatine Bridge, and graded and high schools at Canajoharie. He was graduated from Canajoharie High School in 1930, then took his degree of Bachelor of Science at St. Lawrence University and in 1936 received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Union University's Law School. Admitted to the New York State bar in September, 1936, he became associated with Bert H. Brower, of Canajoharie, in 1936. In 1938 he started his own independent practice of law, and has carried on a general line of legal work, covering all branches of his profession, down to the time of writing.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Wohlgemuth is executive secretary and director of the Chamber of Commerce of Canajoharie and is secretary of the Canajoharie Country Club, Inc. Politically he adheres to an independent course, casting his support always for the candidates and measures of his choice. Mr. Wohlgemuth is a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Canajoharie Country Club, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, the Barristers' Society, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has served as counsel to the National Sprakers Bank, in Canajoharie, and belongs to the Men of St. Mark's and the Reformed Church Men's Society. He is active in the Reformed Church and is president of the Mohawk Valley Brotherhood of Lutheran Men. In spare time he is fond of hunting and fishing, as well as in a variety of other sports.

WILLIAM EDWARD WOOLLARD—For more than forty years, William Edward Woollard was active at the Albany bar. During this period he rose to prominence in his profession and in the civic life of the Albany community.

Mr. Woollard was born in Albany on March 26, 1876, son of Henry Nun and Margaret (Barron) Woollard. After his preliminary education, he prepared for the law in Albany Law School, now Union University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1897. In the same year he was admitted to the New York bar and established his Albany practice, in the conduct of which he won an extended reputation in his profession. Mr. Woollard was senior member of the Albany law firm of Woollard and Morris. He successfully represented many important interests during the course of his career and acted for various governmental agencies, notably as special counsel to the Albany County Board of Supervisors in 1899 and as Special Deputy Attorney-General of the State of New York from 1917 to 1920. From 1901 to 1907, he was justice of the City Court of Albany.

Mr. Woollard was a member and past president of the Albany County Bar Association, a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and of the New York County Lawyers Association. Active fraternally, he was president of the Albany Masonic Veterans Association, past president of the Veteran Odd Fellows Association, a trustee of the Albany Masonic Hall Association and a member of the lodges of these orders and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A Republican in politics and influential in his party, he was a member of the National Republican Club of New York and the Unconditional Republican Club of Albany. Mr. Woollard was also a member of the Albany Institute of History and Art, the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the English-Speaking Union, the Albany Society of New York, the Albany Club, of which he was past president, the St. George's Benevolent Society and the Old Guard Society of Palm Beach. He made a hobby of his advocacy of improved inland waterways and was president of the New York State Waterways Association, vice-president of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association and a director of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. From 1893 to 1898 he served an enlistment in the 10th Battalion of the National Guard of New York. At Albany, Mr. Woollard was active in many civic movements and community enterprises. He was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church.

On October 29, 1906, at Albany, William Edward Woollard married Harriet Holland. They became the parents of the following children: Elizabeth (Woollard) Morris, Alice Holland (Woollard) Williamson, William Edward, Jr., and Robert Holland Woollard. Judge Woollard's death occurred September 1, 1940.

SIDNEY L. FORD, M. D.—While devoting himself to the private practice of medicine at Hensonville, Dr. Sidney L. Ford has found time for wide public service, both in his profession and in other fields. He is a leading physician of this area of Greene County and has a long record of useful effort and attainment in the various offices he has been called upon to fill.

Dr. Ford was born at Jewett, Greene County, on February 28, 1865, son of Horace Ford, a farmer, and Matilda (Haines) Ford and grandson of Luther Ford, also a Greene County farmer. His father was born in Big Hollow and his mother at Hunter. At the age of two, Dr. Ford accompanied his parents to Big Hollow, where he spent his boyhood years. After attending the district school, he prepared for college in a preparatory school at Burlington, Vermont, and afterward entered New York University. Here he qualified for his profession and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1891. Returning to Greene County in the same year, he opened offices at Hensonville, and has since conducted a general practice here. Postgraduate work at New York Polyclinic and Bellevue hospitals supplemented his earlier medical courses, and his own reading and study have kept him abreast of developments in medical science. For almost half a century, Dr. Ford has ministered to the sick of the Hensonville community and the surrounding countryside. He has been health officer of the town of Jewett for forty years and health officer of Windham for many years. His activity in local affairs generally has given him further claims upon the regard of his fellow-townsmen. Dr. Ford is past president of the Windham National Bank. He is influential in Democratic politics and for twelve years was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. During this period the new County Courthouse was built, and at the first meeting in the new building, Dr. Ford presided as chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Professionally

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he is a member of the staff of the Kingston Hospital and Greene County Memorial Hospital, a member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association. He is a Methodist in religious faith and serves as a member of the official board of the Hensonville church.

On June 1, 1893, Dr. Ford married (first) Grace Brill, of Rumson, New Jersey, who died in 1916. They became the parents of one son, Newton, born on October 15, 1899. He was graduated from the public schools of Windham and Mt. Herman College, served in the United States Navy during the World War and was subsequently killed in an accident. He married Hazel Jarvo, of Canada, and left two children: Newton Brill and Doris May, both of whom live in Hensonville with Dr. Ford and his sister and are now attending the local school. In 1931 Dr. Ford married (second) Mary Lewin, of Brooklyn, New York.

CHESTER HENRY LANG—Since he first became associated with the General Electric Company at Schenectady in 1919, Chester Henry Lang has served in many executive positions entailing large responsibilities in connection with the business operations of the company. He was in full charge of General Electric advertising for eight years, a period during which he became a nationally known figure in advertising circles, and is now manager of apparatus sales and member of the advisory and sales committees.

Mr. Lang was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on January 12, 1893, son of John A. Lang, a manufacturer at Erie, and Ida (Ackerman) Lang. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace and after he graduated from Erie Central High School, entered the University of Michigan, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. The early progress of his business career was interrupted by the entry of the United States into the World War. Mr. Lang enlisted in the United States Army in August, 1917, was commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to the 129th Field Artillery, 35th Division, with which he served overseas from March, 1918, to May, 1919. During this period he saw action in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and other engagements of the American Expeditionary Forces. Upon his return to the United States in May, 1919, he received his discharge from the army and immediately entered the service of the General Electric Company, with which he has since been actively associated. From 1919 to 1922, he was traveling auditor for the company and during the following four years was assistant manager of the publicity department. In 1926 he was appointed comptroller of the budget, an office he filled until 1932, when he took over the position of advertising manager. In this capacity he was in charge of all the company's advertising, and also served as manager of radio broadcasting, for a period of eight years. His standing as one of the major advertising executives of the country was reflected in his election as president of the Advertising Federation of America in 1934 and 1935, after which he became chairman of the board of directors of the federation. Mr. Lang assumed his present duties as manager of apparatus sales for the General Electric Company in 1940, with added responsibilities of a general character as a member of the advisory and sales committees. He is also chairman of the Defense Coördinating Committee which is responsible for the large volume of defense business assigned to General Electric.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Lang is a member of the Mohawk Club, the Mohawk Golf Club and the Edison Club of Schenectady; the University Club of New York City and the Advertising Club of New York City. He is affiliated with the University of Michigan Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and with St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and a member of Union Presbyterian Church in Schenectady.

On October 20, 1919, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Lang married Ruth Amy Rilling, daughter of John S. and Stella (Armstrong) Rilling. They are the parents of two daughters: Margaret Ida, born October 31, 1921; and Amy Armstrong, born August 30, 1924.

HARRY A. WINNE—As an engineer of long experience and distinguished record, Harry A. Winne is a valued member of the General Electric organization in Schenectady. He has spent his entire career in the service of the General Electric Company, and is now assistant to the engineering vice-president.

Mr. Winne was born in Cherry Valley, Otsego County, on October 27, 1888, son of Frank and Cora (Finehout) Winne. His father, who was born at South Valley, Otsego County, in 1859, and died on April 6, 1914, was a hotel owner and laundry owner in Cherry Valley for many years. The mother, Cora (Finehout) Winne, born at Hessville in 1863, is still living.

Harry A. Winne recevied his early education in the public schools of Cherry Valley, where he completed the high school course in 1904. Subsequently he entered Syracuse University, where he took the degree of Electrical Engineer in 1910 and immediately afterward came to Schenectady to enter the service of the General Electric Company. He began as a student engineer in the testing department, was later assistant general foreman of that department for approximately three years and was then transferred to the industrial engineering department, where he spent approximately twenty years. For six years of that period he was head of the steel mills section. Mr. Winne was later manager of mining and steel mills sales for one year. Afterward, in April, 1937, he was appointed assistant to the engineering vice-president, R. C. Muir, and has since continued in this capacity.

Mr. Winne is also a director of the Arcrods Corporation of New York City. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Newcomen Society of England. In addition to his business and professional connections, he has been active in the general life of Schenectady and the service of a number of its institutions. He has been especially interested in the Boy Scout movement and other organizations dedicated to the building of character and good citizenship in youth. At the present time he is a member of the troop committee of Troop No. 4, Boy Scouts of America, in Schenectady. He is also a vice-president of the Schenectady Young Men's Christian Association and for ten years served as trustee of the Van Antwerp School in this city. Mr. Winne is affiliated fraternally with Cherry Valley Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Mohawk Club and the Edison Club. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Unitarian Church. Hiking and camping are his favorite recreations.

On February 11, 1918, Mr. Winne married Dorothy Hodges, of Saratoga, daughter of Gilbert and Elma (Smith) Hodges. They are the parents of two children: Barbara Jean, born January 28, 1920, now a senior at Swarthmore College; and David Hollister, born December 4, 1923.

PHILIP LANGDON ALGER—During the greater part of his professional career, which covers a quarter of a century, Philip Langdon Alger has been associated with the General Electric Company at Schenectady. He has important engineering responsibilities in the organization and is an active figure in the city's general life.

Mr. Alger was born in Washington, District of Columbia, on January 27, 1894, son of Captain Philip Rounseville and Louisa (Taylor) Alger. He is a grandson of the Rev. William R. Alger, a Unitarian minister at Boston, and a great-grandson of General Montgomery C. Meigs, who served as quartermaster general with the Union Army during the Civil War. His father, who was born in 1859 and died in 1912, was a United States Naval Officer, who attained the rank of captain in the service and was known for his work in mathematics and ordnance engineering.

Philip Langdon Alger was educated at St. John's College and Preparatory School in Annapolis, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1912 and the degree of Master of Arts in 1915, and received his technical training as an electrical engineer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. Subsequently, he carried on graduate work at Union College, leading to the degree of Master of Science in 1920. Meanwhile, his professional career was well under way. Mr. Alger spent the years 1916 and 1917 as assistant instructor and research assistant in the study of dynamo-electric machinery at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In August, 1917, continuing the family tradition, he entered ordnance work as a computer, and in November was commissioned lieutenant in the Ordnance Department, United States Army. Assigned to duty at Sandy Hook and at Aberdeen Proving Ground, he devoted himself to technical developmental work in ballistics and shell design until after the Armistice, receiving his discharge in 1919. Following the war he was commissioned in the Officers' Reserve Corps, in which he now holds the rank of major.

Mr. Alger's connection with the General Electric Company dates from 1919, when he entered the induction motor engineering department of the company at Schenectady and for a period of five years was engaged in design and research work in that department. In 1924 he was transferred to the alternating current engineering department, where his activities centered in the design and development of large generators and motors until 1930. Since that time he has been engineer in the engineering general department of the General Electric Company, with administrative responsibilities as staff assistant to the vice-president in charge of engineering. His present duties are concerned with the planning and coördination of electrical machinery and development for his company.

Mr. Alger, who is a licensed electrical engineer in the State of New York, is a member of many professional societies, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, of which he is a Fellow and at present a member of its standards committee and technical program committee; the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Mathematical Society, the Army Ordnance Society, the Newcomen Society and the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education. He is also a member of the Reserve Officers' Association, the American Legion, the American Philatelic Society, the National Municipal League, the Technology Club of Eastern New York, and the board of directors of the New York State Citizens' Bureau of Governmental Research. Since he became a resident of Schenectady, he has been actively interested in municipal and civic affairs and has made his influence effective in promoting desir-

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able civic objectives. Mr. Alger was chairman of the Schenectady Charter League, which mobilized public opinion and supplied the leadership which resulted in the adoption of the city manager plan for Schenectady. He is a Republican in politics and a member of All Souls' Unitarian Church in Schenectady.

On June 30, 1918, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Philip Langdon Alger married Catharine E. Jackson, daughter of Dugald Caleb Jackson, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and of Mabel (Foss) Jackson. Mrs. Alger has also been active in Schenectady life and is a member of the governing board of the League of Women Voters in this city and past president of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church. They have four children: Augusta Jordan, born June 4, 1919; John Rodgers Meigs, born December 30, 1927; Andrew Dugald Langdon, born February 12, 1932; and Anne Vogdes, an adopted daughter, born October 12, 1927.

VALENTINE W. MORROW—Since 1919 Valentine W. Morrow has been identified with the life of Greene County, where he now conducts a large and modern general store located at Maplecrest. He is postmaster of this community and one of its influential figures.

Born on February 14, 1897, Mr. Morrow is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Topping) Morrow, who came to this country from Belfast, Ireland, and settled in New York City. His father died in 1940 and his mother passed away about 1913. After attending the public schools of New York City, Valentine W. Morrow took further courses at Boys Trade School and night high school and until the World War was a statistical clerk for the New York Edison Company in New York. When the United States was drawn into the war, he enlisted for service and was assigned to Battery D, 58th Field Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps with the rank of corporal. With hese troops he went overseas for service in the American Expeditionary Forces and rounded out two full years in he army. He received his discharge on May 19, 1919, and in the same year came to Greene County, where he has since made his home. For a time he was located at East Windham, then at Silver Lake, and then at East ewett, where he operated a summer boarding house. In 925 he purchased from Sherwood A. Moseman (*q. v.*) he general store located at Maplecrest, with the operaion of which the Moseman family had long been conected. Drawing upon his extensive mercantile experince, Mr. Morrow has made many improvements in the tore and stock and now has a fine modern store carrying n an extensive business. Soon after he became proprietor of this enterprise, he was also appointed postmaster of Maplecrest, an office he has filled during the intervening years.

Mr. Morrow has also taken an active part in the civic and social life of the community. He has been especially interested in the Boy Scout movement, in which he has been very active locally. For a period of years he was scoutmaster here and has recently been appointed district commissioner. On January 13, 1941, he received the Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Boyhood. Mr. Morrow is a member of the Board of Education of the Windham Central School. He is Past Commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of the American Legion at Cairo and is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of Mountain Lodge; member and Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; member of Lafayette Commandery of the Knights Templar at Hudson and of Cyprus Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Albany. He is also Assistant Grand Lecturer in the order. On January 10, 1941, he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey near the Grand Lodge of New York. Mr. Morrow is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church, which he serves as trustee, steward and treasurer. His principal hobby is stamp collecting.

On April 16, 1918, he married Irene C. Mallory, of Maplecrest, daughter of Manley Mallory. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow have two children: Lorna M., a graduate of Windham High School, now attending Russell Sage College; and Elwood, a student in Windham High School.

MILLARD FRINK—After nearly fifteen years' service with the State of New York Agricultural Department, Millard Frink resigned to devote himself completely to business interests which he had developed at Altamont, Albany County. Here he was banker, automobile and tractor distributor, a business man of high repute and a public-spirited citizen who contributed to local development, and continued to his death his varied and progressive activities.

Millard Frink was a native of Knox, Albany County, New York, born October 28, 1889, son of Charles M. and Euphemia (Truax) Frink, both natives of Knox. His father, born in 1852, died in 1903; his mother was born in 1867. The families of both parents were long established in this section of New York State. Charles M. Frink was a prominent farmer and played his part well in local, general and public affairs.

After attending the schools of his birthplace, Millard Frink supplemented his academic education with studies in the Albany Business College, from which he was graduated in 1908. Entering the State Agricultural Department during the following year, he continued this connection until 1923. In the meanwhile, 1916, he started in business for himself as a wholesaler in grain, hay and straw and with an agency for the Ford, Oliver and Allis-Chalmers tractors. His business, with which he remained associated, also included all manner of supplies and equipment for automobiles, tractors and farm machinery. Mr. Frink also was a partner in the firm of Frink & Westfall, an automobile agency, at various times handling Dodge and now Chevrolet motor cars. A director and, in 1925, the vice-president of the First National Bank of Altamont, he was elected president of that institution in 1930. During and after the "bank holiday" of 1933 he was appointed conservator and reorganizer of the bank.

During the World War period, Millard Frink enlisted in the United States Army, in May, 1918, and early in 1919 received his honorable discharge. He was a corporal in the Medical Department attached to the Veterinary Corps, stationed mainly at Newport News, Virginia. He was a member of the Helderberg Post, No. 977, American Legion, and was affiliated with Noah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Temple Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Frink was a popular member of the Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the Albany County Farm Bureau. He worshipped at the Altamont Reformed Church.

At Athens, Greene County, New York, on August 30, 1928, Millard Frink married Katherine E. Gilbert, born here, daughter of Richard and Margaret Gilbert, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Frink were the parents of two children, both born at Altamont: 1. Charles G., born January 16, 1930. 2. Marguerite Elizabeth, born March 6, 1932.

The death of Mr. Frink occurred on November 20, 1940, and was mourned by the community and the hundreds of folk who called him friend, as a great and personal loss.

ROBERT M. MacNAUGHT—A leader in educational circles in this region of New York State, Robert M. MacNaught, after holding numerous other professional posts, is now superintendent of schools of Greene County.

Mr. MacNaught was born September 6, 1876, in Delaware County, New York, son of James and Elizabeth (Scott) MacNaught. His father was a farmer and contractor.

Delaware Academy provided Robert MacNaught's early formal education, and after attending New York University he took a position as high school principal at Jefferson, New York. He served later in a similar capacity in Windham, then assumed his present duties as superintendent of schools of Greene County. In addition to his work in this connection, which has been a valuable one, Mr. MacNaught has interested himself notably in the associations existing in his profession. He has been president of the Schoharie County Teachers' Association, the Greene County Teachers' Association, the Eastern District Superintendents' Association, the State School Superintendents' Association of which he is a member of the executive committee, and the State Teachers' Association (Eastern Zone).

A Republican in his political views, Mr. MacNaught is active in many organizations in his community and district. In fraternal circles he has taken a particularly prominent part. In the Free and Accepted Masons Mr. MacNaught belongs to St. Andrew's Lodge, Mountain Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Rondout Commandery of Knights Templar and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter and is affiliated also with the Order of Eastern Star. He is a member and a director of the Windham Country Club. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church.

In July, 1911, in Burlington, Vermont, Robert M. MacNaught married Shirley Evelyn De Yette, daughter of Frederick A. and Evelyn (Poole) De Yette. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont, and since her marriage has been head of the department of French and Latin in the Windham Central School. Their home is now in Windham, New York.

GEORGE J. SLUYTER—During his entire business career, George J. Sluyter has been associated with the First National Bank of Herkimer. From positions of minor responsibility he has risen to the presidency of this institution during some forty-five years of service and now directs its operation.

Mr. Sluyter was born in Herkimer on February 22, 1883, son of Edgar W. and Mary (Bronner) Sluyter, both born in the town of Warren. His father has also been prominent in the life of Herkimer, serving as first superintendent of the Municipal Commission from 1894 to 1918.

George J. Sluyter received a public school education at Herkimer, supplemented by a correspondence course in law and also took other courses from the International Correspondence Schools. His connection with the First National Bank of Herkimer dates back to June, 1896, when he became a messenger boy in the bank at the age of thirteen. Gradually, as he gained in experience and

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demonstrated his capacities, he was advanced within the organization to positions of executive responsibility and on January 14, 1936, was elected president, a distinction merited by his long service and successful record. He has continued as executive head of the institution since 1936.

Mr. Sluyter, who is well known in banking circles of the Capital Region, served for over thirty years as a director of the Herkimer Coöperative Savings & Loan Association. He has been active in numerous civic interests during his career in Herkimer and has served since 1925 as president of the Herkimer Memorial Hospital. On September 29, 1922, Mr. Sluyter, then president of the Herkimer Chamber of Commerce, with other leading citizens and civic groups organized the Herkimer New Hospital Chest Association, with the purpose of raising funds to erect a modern hospital. Approximately 2,690 subscribers pledged $138,165. On November 29, 1923, the corner stone of Herkimer Memorial Hospital was laid and it was dedicated May 30, 1925. On April 8, 1941, contracts were let and ground broken for the addition of a wing to the Herkimer Memorial Hospital at a cost of $42,000. This is a twenty-one bed addition. Mr. Sluyter was president of the Chest Association, and was made the first president of the hospital, a position he has since filled. During the first World War he served as treasurer of the Herkimer War Chest Association. He is a member of the American Bankers' Association, and past president of the Service Club of Herkimer. As chairman of a special committee appointed by a president of the Herkimer Club he was instrumental in raising funds by public subscription, to buy Brookwood Park. He is a member of the East Herkimer Fish and Game Club and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. In this order he is a member and Past Master (1923) of Herkimer Lodge, No. 423, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of various higher bodies, including Mohawk Valley Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Sluyter served as president of the Oneida-Herkimer Bankers Association from September, 1936, to September, 1937. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Herkimer Reformed Church, in which he is an elder and past treasurer. He is fond of fishing, swimming, golf and tennis, which have been his favorite recreations.

On July 12, 1924, at New Haven, Connecticut, George J. Sluyter married Ruth St. John Canfield, who was born at New Canaan, Connecticut, daughter of Wesley B. and Nellie (Jones) Canfield. They are the parents of three children: Joan St. John, Mary Margaret, and Diane Canfield Sluyter.

RAYMOND DENNIS KENNEDY—The Record Printing & Publishing Company, publishers of the "Hudson Register," is under the control of Raymond Dennis Kennedy. He is an experienced newspaper man and executive and an influential figure in the life of this city.

Mr. Kennedy was born at Hudson on August 30, 1893, son of Dennis Harlow and Alice (Clark) Kennedy. His father, who served as president of the Record Printing & Publishing Company over a period of years, was a substantial business man of this city. He was also active in public life.

Raymond Dennis Kennedy received his preliminary education in the public schools and high school of Hudson, studied at Holy Cross College and at the Catholic University of America, Washington, District of Columbia. From the latter university he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His active career was interrupted early by the entrance of the United States into the World War. Enlisting for service in the National Army, he was a corporal in the American Expeditionary Forces overseas in 1918-19, on duty with an Ordnance Depot Company stationed at San Sulpice, near Bordeaux, France. After the war he resumed his connection with the "Hudson Register" and in 1923 assumed the presidency of the Record Printing & Publishing Company. The operation of this newspaper and the publishing company have since been under his control. Published every week day evening, the "Register" is an established institution of the Upper Hudson Valley, dating back to 1866. It reaches many homes in Hudson and the vicinity and is an important local organ of news and opinion.

In addition to his connection with the Record Printing & Publishing Company, Mr. Kennedy is vice-president of the First National Bank & Trust Company of Hudson. He is also commissioner and vice-president of the New York State Bridge Authority. For more than twenty years he has been prominent in Democratic politics and from 1922 to 1935, served without interruption as chairman of the Democratic City Committee of Hudson. He is well known to other leading Democrats of county and State. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Kennedy is also a member of the American Legion, the Columbia County Country Club and the National Democratic Club of New York City. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. Mary's parish in this city.

On June 9, 1925, at Hudson, Raymond Dennis Kennedy married Laura H. Hickey, daughter of George H. and Anna Hickey. They are the parents of one son, Raymond Clark Kennedy, born October 24, 1928.

JUDGE EARL HOWARD GALLUP—Twenty years of service as county judge of Albany County have won for Judge Earl Howard Gallup a place among the senior members of the New York judiciary. A successful record at the bar and in Federal office preceded his election to the bench, on which he is now serving his fourth consecutive term.

Judge Gallup was born at Knox, Albany County, on May 31, 1880, son of Thomas Benton and Lira (Earl) Gallup and grandson of Elon Gallup, who were farmers in this county. Both his father and his grandfather were also born on the old Gallup homestead at Knox.

Earl Howard Gallup received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace and in Jersey City (New Jersey) High School. Subsequently he returned to the Capital Region to enter Albany Law School, the Law Department of Union University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1905. As a law school student he served as clerk in the office of David B. Hill, former Governor and United States Senator, and after his graduation continued this association for some two years. Meanwhile, in 1905 he was admitted to the New York bar and except for the necessary interruptions of public service, was engaged in private practice until 1923, when he first ascended the bench. During 1907-08, Judge Gallup was chief clerk in the State Inheritance Tax Bureau, after which he resumed his connection with Governor Hill's office. Throughout this period he laid the basis of his professional reputation and rose steadily in prominence at the bar. In 1920 he was appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York and in September, 1922, was advanced to the post of United States Attorney for this district, resigning on December 31, 1922, to qualify as county judge of Albany County. To this office he was elected in the preceding November election. He has been three times reëlected since he took his seat on the bench and is now serving his fourth six-year term, a reflection of the value placed upon his record and the qualifications which he brings to the discharge of his judicial duties.

Judge Gallup is a Democrat in politics and has been repeatedly elected to his present office as the candidate of that party. He is a member and past secretary of the Albany County Bar Association, a member of the New York State Bar Association, and of various non-professional organizations, including the University Club of Albany and the Wolfert's Roost Country Club. At Albany, he is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

On June 3, 1908, in this city, Judge Gallup married Mary Louise Burdick, daughter of G. Dudley and Emma (Havard) Burdick. Judge and Mrs. Gallup are the parents of four children: Jane, born January 29, 1921; Mary, born March 16, 1922; Earl Howard, Jr., born May 8, 1924; and Elizabeth, born July 9, 1926.

ALBERT J. DANAHER—Albert J. Danaher for many years has been a prominent lawyer of the Capital Region. He is a former Assistant Attorney-General of the State of New York and now devotes himself to his private practice in Albany. He is general attorney of New York Power & Light Corporation with offices at No. 126 State Street.

Mr. Danaher was born in Cohoes on September 29, 1875, son of John H. Danaher, who died in 1923, and Bridget (Mulvihill) Danaher, who died in 1919. He was educated at La Salle Institute in Troy and at Union University and subsequently prepared for his profession at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1896. Following his admission to the bar, he began practice with John T. McDonough in 1900 and rapidly developed the important professional responsibilities which have marked his career. Mr. Danaher was for twelve years corporation counsel of the city of Watervliet and from 1923 to 1929 served as Assistant Attorney-General of the State of New York. In his private practice he has been retained by many large interests and has successfully appeared in a wide variety of cases.

Mr. Danaher is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Albany Bar Association. In addition to his professional connections, he is a member of the Fort Orange Club of Albany, the Albany Country Club and the Bankers Club of New York. He has taken an active interest in civic affairs and in the present defense emergency is serving as government appeal agent for Local Board No. 347, Albany County, under the Draft Act.

On June 21, 1911, Albert J. Danaher married, at Troy, New York, Bridget Mooney, who died March 6, 1941. He has one daughter, Mary Danaher.

ARVIE ELDRED, Pd. D.—As executive secretary of the New York State Teachers Association, Arvie Eldred continues his long career devoted to education and the interests of the profession. He is past superintendent of schools of the city of Troy and is a widely known figure among schoolmen of the State.

Dr. Eldred was born at Petersburg, New York, on November 5, 1880, son of Stephen J. and Lavesta (Bunce) Eldred. His father was a farmer. After completing his preparatory education, Dr. Eldred entered Williams College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. Subsequently, he studied at

Teachers College, Columbia University, during the summer of 1914. Meanwhile, his professional career was well under way. From 1905 to 1907, Dr. Eldred was principal of Grammar School No. 5, at Troy, and in the latter year was appointed head of the mathematics department in Troy High School. This position he resigned after seven years of service to become superintendent of schools of the city and from 1914 to 1930 continued as administrative head of the public school system of Troy. Since 1930 he has devoted himself to his present duties as executive head of the New York State Teachers Association, an office carrying with it not only wide influence but also wide responsibilities affecting the teaching profession and the schools of the entire State.

Dr. Eldred also serves as a member of the board of visitors of the New York State Training School at Hudson, and a trustee of the Albany College of Pharmacy. With the progress of his professional career, he has found time to be very active in civic affairs and the general life of his community. Dr. Eldred was a director of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association and the Troy Boys' Club. He was president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce in 1925, president of the Troy Community Chest in 1939 and throughout the World War period was prominent in all the Liberty Loan campaigns and other organized drives of the times, in addition to conducting a vocational training school for army men. He was district governor for the Twenty-ninth District (now the 174th District) of Rotary International in 1929 and is at present a director of the Troy Rotary Club. In addition to these connections, he is affiliated with the honor scholastic society, Phi Beta Kappa, in which he was president of the Upper Hudson Section in 1924; the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; and King Solomon Lodge, No. 91, at Troy, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the National Education Association and its Department of Superintendence, and in 1924 served as president of the New York State Teachers' Association, whose affairs he now administers as executive secretary. Dr. Eldred is a Republican in politics and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Troy. He is the author of "Community Civics," written with E. W. Ames and published in 1921, and of various articles and studies contributed to professional publications. In 1921, in recognition of his attainments as an educator, he received from Williams College the honorary degree of Master of Arts, and in 1925 the New York State College for Teachers conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy.

On April 8, 1909, at Utica, New York, Dr. Eldred married Maglona Lewis, daughter of John C. and Jane (Davis) Lewis. They are the parents of four children: Lewis, born June 16, 1911; Jane, born September 16, 1915; Ann, born June 27, 1917; and John, born June 14, 1920.

JERRY B. WILSON—The top covering of houses and all other buildings is a work that has witnessed great changes since the opening of the twentieth century. It has become a trade, art or specialty in itself and one of its most expert followers in the Capital Region is the Jerry B. Wilson Roofing Company of Oneonta.

The principal member of the company, Jerry B. Wilson, was born at Portlandville, Otsego County, on October 13, 1890, a son of Lawrence I. and Minnie (Smith) Wilson. The father was a farmer, a native of Hyndsville, Schoharie County. He was twice married (first) to Minnie Smith who died in 1894. His second wife, not related to the first, but with the same surname, was Helen Smith. Lawrence I. Wilson was the father of three children.

The second of these was Jerry B. Wilson, who was graduated from Milford (New York) High School, after which he secured a position in the accounting department of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company at Oneonta. This was valuable experience, a good training for any line of business and Mr. Wilson remained in the position for eleven years, at the end of which he was engaged as salesman for H. A. Whitman & Company, dealers in paper, with headquarters at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. His railroad experience had given him some insight into this business and after further knowledge gained by contact with the trade he established his own corporation under the style of the L. D. Crouch & Wilson Company at Oneonta. He soon purchased full control of this house and operated until 1929 when he sold. He had some experience in the business of roofing, foresaw the future that was unfolding in that line and established the Jerry B. Wilson Roofing Company in the same year that he relinquished his paper interests. His trade in roofing being well started, seven years after its founding, on March 1, 1936, he inaugurated a new venture, a wholesale roofing firm, under the title of Wilson & Fritz which operates in Binghamton, Elmira, Oneonta and surroundings.

Mr. Wilson's interests are not all commercial. He is a Mason, Knights Templar, a Shriner, takes a hand in politics, is a Rotarian, a member of the Oneonta Club and the Oneonta Country Club. He is a lover of music, had private lessons in voice culture and possesses a baritone of good emotional quality; he is song director of the Oneonta Rotary Club. He is a past president of the Oneonta Chamber of Commerce.

Religious and semi-religious movements have his active support. He is president of the Boy Scout Council and is a director of the New York State Council of Churches.

In 1916 Jerry B. Wilson married Clara Enos, a native of Oneonta; there are no children.

RUDOLPH ROULIER—The city of Cohoes has known Rudolph Roulier for many years as a business leader and an active figure in public life. He is a past member of the State Assembly, has held a number of municipal offices and at the present time has relinquished all other responsibilities to serve the four-year term as mayor of Cohoes to which he was elected in November, 1939.

Mr. Roulier was born at Lacadie, Province of Quebec, Canada, on May 19, 1882, son of Joseph and Marie (Boule) Roulier. He was christened Rodolphe Isidore Roulier, but for the past fifty years has been known by the form of the name used above. Mr. Roulier attended the public schools of Joliette, Quebec, but his formal education was limited to the elementary grades. As a boy of nine, he came to this country with his father and mother, four brothers and one sister and had to begin work at once in the cotton mills in order to help support the family. After four years of this labor, he was sent to school again for two years, then was apprenticed to the machinist's trade and later shifted to the gas engine and automobile business when the motor car first began to come into prominence. He was engaged in this business from the turn of the century until 1916, when the firm of Roulier, Chamberland Company, furniture dealers, was incorporated at Cohoes and Mr. Roulier became vice-president. In this capacity he continued until 1940, playing an active part in the management of the company, which built up an extensive trade in furniture and household articles of all kinds. In 1921 Mr. Roulier also became treasurer of the Eastside Bottling Works of Cohoes, manufacturers of carbonated beverages and in 1927 became vice-president of the organization, serving as such until 1934.

Meanwhile, he also became active in politics and public life. Mr. Roulier has long been influential in the Democratic party of the city and county, and as a member of the State Assembly for six years he not only faithfully represented the interests of his constituents but also became prominent in the State Democratic organization. The character of his legislative service and the zealous attention which he gave to the business of the State won him the respect of both parties and enhanced his public stature. At Cohoes, Mr. Roulier has also served as Civil Service Commissioner of the city, as Public Safety Commissioner and, in 1918-19, as Commissioner of Public Charities. In 1939 he was elected mayor of Cohoes and on January 1, 1940, took office for the four-year term which he is now serving. His administration has followed business-like principles in the conduct of city affairs and has been marked by the progressive outlook which has featured Mr. Roulier's career. He is retired from all business activities at the present time, giving his entire attention to the duties of his office.

Mr. Roulier is affiliated fraternally with Cohoes Lodge, No. 1317, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, in the latter of which he is chaplain. He is past president of the New York State Chauffeurs' Protective Association, now defunct; a member of the Eastside Social Club, the Cascade Community Club and of the Cascade Volunteer Fire Company. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

On November 3, 1907, at Sacred Heart Church, Cohoes, Mr. Roulier married Frances Josephine Laware, known for the past fifty years as Fannie Lavoie, a daughter of Peter and Laura (Landry) Laware. Mr. and Mrs. Roulier have three children: Anita Marie, born August 13, 1909; Marguerite Josephine, born July 4, 1914; and Joseph Raymond, born February 1, 1920.

LOU D. MacWETHY—For some thirty-five years, Lou D. MacWethy has been owner and publisher of the "St. Johnsville Enterprise." He is well known throughout the Montgomery County area and is one of the most active and influential figures in the St. Johnsville community.

Mr. MacWethy was born at York, Livingston County, New York, on May 3, 1871, son of Albert MacWethy, a farmer, born in 1849, died in 1940, and Elizabeth (Leet) MacWethy, born in 1852, died in 1922. He received a public school education. He left the farm at nineteen and took up the printer's craft and followed it as a journeyman printer from 1892 to 1898. Afterward, from 1900 to 1906, he was a traveling salesman, but in 1907 returned to his first occupation with his purchase of the "St. Johnsville Enterprise," a weekly newspaper published at St. Johnsville. The management and publication of this newspaper and the job printing business carried on therewith have since been his principal interests.

Mr. MacWethy has found ample time, however, for the service of his community. He was postmaster from March, 1915, to March, 1916, serves as director of the Chamber of Commerce, has been president of the Exchange Club, and both by personal effort and through the columns of his paper has sought to promote the civic health of St. Johnsville and the welfare of its institutions. During the first World War he was very active as a recruiting officer for the Young Men's Christian Association secretaries, as chairman of the Liberty Loan drives

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and in other capacities. After the war he initiated the movement for the first public park system in St. Johnsville as a memorial to the soldiers and sailors of all wars. In the present defense emergency, he serves as a member of the Advisory Draft Board. Mr. MacWethy is a Democrat in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order. He is an authority on local history and various general aspects of American history and on many occasions has been a public speaker and a writer on these subjects. He is the author of the pamphlets "Battle of Klocks Field" and "Klocks Regiment," as well as the published volume, "Book of Names." He also re-edited for publication the "Trappers of New York," by Simms.

At Warsaw, New York, Mr. MacWethy married Minnie Rose Van Allen, who died in 1938, a daughter of Luke and Rose (Miller) Van Allen. They became the parents of three children: Ralph, born in 1901; Albert, born in 1902; and Elizabeth MacWethy, born in 1909.

WILLIAM A. GARDNER—The history of the city of Amsterdam of the past half century could not be written with any degree of completeness without pages being given to the life story of one of its outstanding citizens, William A. Gardner. He has been the developer of one of the oldest and larger manufacturing concerns; served the municipality as mayor, postmaster and in several other capacities; represented the district in the State Legislature; and long has been prominent in social, fraternal, and humanitarian organizations and movements.

Mr. Gardner was born in Utica, New York, February 26, 1868, son of Peter B. and Mary (Remore) Gardner, both of whom are deceased. His father was a native of Columbia County, New York, and his mother of Jefferson County, this State. He was educated in the public schools of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Business College, before learning the broom-making business. Fifty to seventy-five years ago, broom corn, from the panicles of which brooms are made, was a more important crop in the Mohawk Valley than now, and there were many small factories utilizing this "straw." In about 1895, Peter B. Gardner and his sons, William A., of this record, and Herbert P., formed a partnership under the trade title, The Gardner Broom Company, with a plant located on Elk Street, Amsterdam. Its capacity was approximately three hundred brooms per day. Later the firm purchased the present plant and buildings, located at Nos. 1 to 5 Gardner Place, Amsterdam, where some one hundred and seventy-five people are employed and the peak production is about twelve thousand brooms, including whisk brooms, a day. Quite some years ago the father died, and on September 1, 1933, the brother passed on. Since then the business, while operated alone under the old name, is owned and directed by William A. Gardner.

Like all good business men, Mr. Gardner has contributed to the prosperity of the city by his conduct of an important industry with the resultant employment and circulation of money. He has not rested content with this communal service; he has been devoted to the extra-business duties of good citizenship and exemplifies his ideas in civic activities. He has been mayor of Amsterdam for several terms, the first beginning in 1900, the last ending in 1932. In 1933 he was appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, postmaster of the city, and has continued to fill this office satisfactorily. For two terms he has been a member of the board of supervisors, Montgomery County; twice was a State Senator, and he was Commissioner of the New York State Board of Claims for the State of New York for several years. He is a Democrat in party allegiance.

A prominent figure in fraternal circles, Mr. Gardner is affiliated with Artisan Lodge, No. 84, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the Order, including the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Albany, a member of Oriental Temple, Troy, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a life member of Lodge No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and has served over a long period as chairman of the house committee of the local Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the official board of the Baptist Church, Amsterdam.

In 1889, Willam A. Gardner married Leah Johnson, of Conklinville, New York, daughter of David and Jemima (Austin) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner became the parents of two daughters: 1. Gertrude, who married Hamilton A. Derr, of Marietta, Ohio, and they have two children: i. William Gardner Derr, a student in Rochester Medical College. ii. Betsy Derr, a student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. 2. Vestah, now deceased, who married Theodore M. Clark, of Amsterdam, and became the mother of a daughter: i. Peggy Lee Clark, a student in Amsterdam High School in her senior year.

JAMES LAURENCE MEADER, Ph. D., LL. D.—Since 1928 Dr. James Laurence Meader has served as president of Russell Sage College. To this office he has brought a wide experience in the administrative aspects of education, practical teaching knowledge and ample scholarship. He has also manifested a constant interest in the civic life of Troy, whose institutions he has served in many capacities.

Dr. Meader was born at Milton, New Hampshire, on May 31, 1893, son of Fred Perkins and Emma (Reynolds) Meader. His father was a merchant. After his preliminary education, Dr. Meader entered Bates College and was graduated there in 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1923 he took the further degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University and subsequently continued his graduate work at the same institution, leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, which he received in 1928. He has been continuously active in the field of education since 1916, when he was appointed instructor in English at the State Normal School, Danbury, Connecticut. During the first twelve years of his career, Dr. Meader's professional activities centered in Connecticut. After serving as instructor in the State Normal schools at both Danbury and New Britain, he became supervisory agent of the Connecticut State Board of Education in 1917 and continued as such until 1919. From 1920 to 1922 he was head of the department of investigation and statistics of the Connecticut State Board of Education, meanwhile serving in 1921-22 as superintendent of the training schools at the New Britain State Normal School. In 1923-24 he acted for the State Board of Education as special agent for the reorganization of teacher-training. From 1924 to 1928 he was principal of the State Normal School at New Haven. This office he resigned in 1928, when he was called to the presidency of Russell Sage College in Troy. From 1919 to 1927 he also served as director of the State Summer School at Yale University.

Dr. Meader's record as a progressive educator is well known and his administration at Russell Sage College has enhanced his reputation. As a citizen of Troy, he has given generously of his time to advance the interests of his community and its institutions. Dr. Meader is former president and trustee of the Troy Public Library and the Troy Council of Social Agencies. He is chairman of the City Planning Commission and serves on the board of trustees of the Troy Orphan Asylum and the Community Chest. In the present defense emergency, he has also accepted an appointment as chairman of Selective Service Board No. 331, at Troy. In addition to these connections he is a trustee of Bates College and a director of the Union National Bank of Troy. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution; the honor scholastic societies of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi; the Troy Club and the Troy Country Club. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith an Episcopalian. Dr. Meader is the author of "Normal School Education in Connecticut," 1928, and various professional articles and papers. In 1939, Bates College marked the significance of his career in education by conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

On June 29, 1927, in New York City, Dr. Meader married Emma Blakely Grant, of Springfield, Illinois, daughter of Stephen Douglas Grant.

HARRY VOORHEES BUSH—The Mohawk Valley country knows Harry Voorhees Bush both as an active figure in public life and as an earnest worker for the perpetuation of its fine traditions and historic heritage. He is past mayor of Canajoharie, president of the Mohawk Valley Historical Association and a principal associate in many other institutions of this area.

Mr. Bush was born at Canajoharie on October 2, 1880, son of Voorhees and Mary (Roser) Bush. His father, who is now deceased, was a merchant who on a number of occasions entered public life, serving as a trustee of the village of Canajoharie, supervisor of the town and member of the County Board of Supervisors, and member of the local board of education.

Harry Voorhees Bush received a public school education, which he completed with the high school course. In early life he embarked upon a business career, but he has always given much of his time to public interests and in recent years has devoted his time exclusively to civic affairs and the service of the many organizations in which he is prominent. Mr. Bush was election commissioner from 1930 to 1935, and from 1926 to 1939 served without interruption as mayor of Canajoharie. He was first president of the Canajoharie Kiwanis Club in 1928 and is now its secretary; is past president of the Mohawk Valley Towns Asssociation; and in the present defense emergency serves as chairman of the Canajoharie Defense Council and vice-chairman of the Montgomery County Defense Council. In addition to the presidency of the Mohawk Valley Historical Association, which he has held for some years, Mr. Bush is a trustee of the New York State Historical Association, trustee of the Montgomery County Historical Society and a member of the Schoharie Historical Society. These connections reflect his profound interest in the history of the Mohawk Valley, which he has made a lifelong study.

Mr. Bush is a Democrat in politics and is influential in local councils of his party. He is affiliated fraternally with Hamilton Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and with Tarajorees Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is Sachem. The Montgomery County Tuberculosis Association and its work represent another of his major interests, and of this organization he is now president. From 1917 to 1920, during the World War and post-war period, Mr. Bush served as supply sergeant in Company D, 2d Regiment, New York Guard. He is a member of the Fort Rensselaer Club at Canajoharie, and the Canajoharie Country Club. He belongs to the Canajoharie Lutheran Church.

On August 8, 1906, Harry Voorhees Bush married, at Potsdam, New York, Mary Josephine Redway, daughter of Samuel Augustus and Margaret (Ross) Redway. They are the parents of one son, Lawrence Redway Bush, born February 18, 1908.

ELIZA KELLAS, Pd. D., LL. D.—As principal of the Emma Willard School at Troy since 1911 and president of Russell Sage College for a dozen years of this period, Dr. Eliza Kellas has won a distinguished professional reputation. She is one of the best known women in American education.

Dr. Kellas was born at Mooers, New York, daughter of Alexander and Eliza (Perry) Kellas. Her father was a farmer, lumberman and sawmill owner. After her preparatory education at Mrs. Reed's School, a small private school in New York City, Dr. Kellas studied at the State Normal School in Potsdam, from which she was graduated. Subsequently, she entered Radcliffe College, where she took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910 and was engaged in postgraduate work during the academic year, 1910-11. Meanwhile, her professional career was well under way. Beginning as a teacher in 1891, she became principal of the Model School at Plattsburg State Normal School in 1892 and afterward served as dean of the Normal School. She was first called to Emma Willard School at Troy in February, 1911, and has continued as its principal without interruption during the intervening years. In addition, from 1916 to 1928, she served as president of Russell Sage College in Troy.

Dr. Kellas has received several honorary degrees in recognition of her professional attainments and record, including the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Union University; the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy conferred upon her by the New York State College for Teachers at Albany and by Middlebury College; and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, conferred upon her by Russell Sage College. She is a member of the National Headmistresses Association, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the Radcliffe Alumnae Association, the National Geographic Association, the College Club of Boston and the Women's University clubs of New York City and Troy. Dr. Kellas is a member of the Episcopal Church. She has traveled extensively, not only in the United States, but in Canada, Mexico and Europe and has visited Iceland.

JUSTICE FRANCIS WALTER BLISS—Following an active career at the bar covering a decade and a half, Francis Walter Bliss ascended the bench of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and since 1913, by designation of the Governor, has acted as a member of the Appellate Division in the Third Judicial Department. He is a native of Schoharie County and one of its best known citizens.

Justice Bliss was born in the town of Gilboa, Schoharie County, on April 27, 1892, son of Franklin Winslow Bliss, merchant and county clerk of the county of Schoharie, and Alberta (Becker) Bliss. After the completion of his preliminary education with his graduation from Poughkeepsie High School in 1908, he entered Cornell University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. Two years later he was graduated from Albany Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and launched his professional career. His general practice, which he established at Middleburgh in 1916, was interrupted almost at the outset by the entry of the United States into the World War. In 1917, Justice Bliss enlisted in the National Army for war service, was commissioned first lieutenant of infantry and assigned to duty with the 90th Division. Afterward he was transferred to the Air Service, in which he continued as first lieutenant until he received his honorable discharge in 1918, following the Armistice. With his return to civil life, he resumed his law practice in Middleburgh, which he then conducted until 1930 with no further interruptions, except for the requirements of public service. For a term of six years during this period, beginning about 1922, he served as county attorney of the county of Schoharie.

On October 1, 1930, he was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, by Franklin D. Roosevelt, then Governor of New York, and in November, 1930, was regularly elected to that office for the full term of fourteen years. The qualifications which he brought to the bench won him further recognition on January 1, 1933, when he was designated by Governor Herbert H. Lehman to sit on the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York in the Third Judicial Department. On January 1, 1938, he was redesignated to the same court by Governor Lehman and is now sitting in the regular terms at Albany.

Justice Bliss has chambers at Schoharie. In his own community he has served as president of the board of education and is also former director and president of the First National Bank of Middleburgh. He is prominent fraternally in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is Past District Deputy Grand Master (1927) and at present Commissioner of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of New York. Justice Bliss is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the American Legion, in the latter of which he is Past County Commander for Schoharie County. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club of Albany and is an active layman of the Reformed Church, not only at Middleburgh, where he has his membership, but also in the larger interests of the denomination as vice-president of the board of education of the Reformed Church in America. Justice Bliss is a Democrat in politics. In 1939, in recognition of his distinguished career, Central College of Pella, Iowa, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

On June 22, 1918, at Dayton, Ohio, Justice Bliss married Margaret Schaeffer, daughter of William L. and Martha (Borst) Schaeffer. They are the parents of three children: Janet Schaeffer, born November 20, 1919; Margaret Ellen, born February 16, 1922; and Martha Ann, born February 28, 1930.

WILLIAM LANE GILLESPIE—As chairman of the board of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany, William Lane Gillespie continues an association that now covers more than forty years. During this period he has become a leading New York banker and an influential figure in Albany life.

Mr. Gillespie was born in Albany on January 1, 1881, son of Matthew and Margaret (Goodrich) Gillespie. His father, a clerk, was a soldier in the Civil War, serving with the New York volunteers. William Lane Gillespie received his general education in the Albany public schools and under private tutors, following which he completed a business college course. In 1900 he entered the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany for summer vacation work and before the conclusion of the summer was asked to remain permanently. This he decided to do and has since devoted his career principally to the service of this institution. From modest positions he rose gradually within the organization to the highest executive offices and as chairman of the board in recent years continues to shape the policies of the bank. His stature as a banker is evidenced by his past election as president of the New York State Bankers Association and by the respect in which his attainments and record are held by all professional associates.

Mr. Gillespie is also a trustee of the Home Savings Bank of Albany; director of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Corporation and the Consolidated Car Heating Company; and manager of the Delaware & Hudson Company. He has taken an active interest in the civic life of Albany for forty years and has contributed effectively to the advance of civic progress and the support of numerous Albany institutions. Mr. Gillespie is past president of the Albany Rotary Club. He is chairman of the finance committee of the New York State Teachers Retirement Board, whose responsibilities affect the educational system of the entire State. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of Master's Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons; and a member of various higher bodies, including DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, Royal and Select Masters; Temple Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Gillespie is also a member and past president of the Albany Country Club; a member of the University Club of Albany, the Fort Orange Club and the Bankers Club of America. In earlier years he served an enlistment in the New York National Guard, was commissioned second lieutenant in the 3d Squadron, 1st New York Cavalry and was on active duty on the Mexican border in 1916-17, until he was retired because of physical disability.

Mr. Gillespie is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church in Albany.

He married, in this city, on September 3, 1904, Florence L. Hummel, daughter of DeKalb and Myra Olivia (Kinsman) Hummel.

WILLIAM CHALMERS OSTROM, M. D.—In 1931 Dr. William Chalmers Ostrom began his professional career in Schenectady, where he has since practiced as an ophthalmologist. He is a well-known specialist in this city and a member of one of the oldest families of the capital district.

Dr. Ostrom was born at Charlton, Saratoga County, on September 2, 1901, son of John H. and Cornelia H. (Chalmers) Ostrom and a descendant of a family established in America about 1650 by Dutch settlers who came from Oesterom, Holland. Among his ancestors is Captain Henry Ostrom, who served in the Revolutionary War with an Albany company and is buried in Lisha's Kill Cemetery, West Albany. From Captain Henry Ostrom, the line continues through Denny Ostrom, his son; Henry Ostrom, son of Denny; and Daniel Ostrom, grandfather of Dr. William Chalmers Ostrom. Charlton has been the family home for several generations. John H. Ostrom, the father, was born in West Charlton, Saratoga County, in 1868, and died on February 28, 1915. He was a farmer throughout his career. Cornelia H. (Chalmers) Ostrom, the mother, was born in West Galway, Saratoga County, in 1866, and died on August 4, 1931.

William Chalmers Ostrom received his preliminary education in the public schools of Saratoga County, was graduated from Schenectady High School in 1919 and in 1923 took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Union College. He prepared for his profession at Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1927, after which he served two years as interne at Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, and one and a half years as interne at Wills Hospital in Philadelphia. In 1931 he returned to Schenectady and launched his active practice in this city. He has specialized in ophthalmology since the beginning and in ten

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years of practice has established a notable reputation in this field.

Dr. Ostrom is a member of the staff of Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, serving as assistant ophthalmologist. He is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners; a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and a member of the Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society, the Schenectady County Medical Society and the Wills Society. In addition to his professional connections, he is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club at Schenectady and is affiliated with the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Dr. Ostrom is a Presbyterian in religious faith and serves as a deacon of his church.

He married, on September 2, 1925, Norma McG. Beebe, of Cutchogue, New York, daughter of the Rev. F. G. Beebe and Margaret (McGrath) Beebe. Dr. and Mrs. Ostrom have three children: John H., born February 18, 1928; Andrew G., born October 12, 1932; and Margaret C., born August 21, 1935.

ROBERT Z. SMITH—Operating an extensive feed and agricultural implement business in Hallsville, Robert Z. Smith is head of the firm of R. Z. Smith & Son, of this place, and is a resident of Fort Plain.

Mr. Smith was born February 22, 1875, in Hallsville, New York, son of Robert and Martha (Zoller) Smith, natives of Starkville and Minden, New York, respectively, both now deceased. His father, long a resident of Hallsville, was an active Republican and a leader in community affairs.

Robert Z. Smith attended school in Hallsville, and afterward was a student at the Clinton Liberal Institute, in Fort Plain. He started independent farming operations in 1891 in the town of Minden, and on October 1, 1899 purchased the grain mill at Hallsville, from John Sinner. Since that time he has continued to operate this mill, in the conduct of which his son, Frank R. Smith, became a partner in 1916. The firm is continued today as R. Z. Smith & Son, as indicated above, and is one of the leading business enterprises of the community. The mill itself is more than a century old, and is considered a landmark in this region.

Along with his other activities, Robert Z. Smith is a director of the Fort Plain National Bank. Politically a Republican, he belongs to the Fort Plain Club. He is also active in the Methodist Church.

In Hallsville, New York, Robert Z. Smith married Eva W. Walrath, a native of this place, daughter of Frank and Mary (Smith) Walrath, of Hallsville and Minden, respectively. One son, born of this marriage on May 22, 1896, is Frank R. Smith, who attended the Hallsville public schools and was graduated from Fort Plain High School in 1916, then became associated with the firm of R. Z. Smith & Son, in Hallsville. He married, on August 24, 1920, Mary Failing, daughter of Fred and Bertha (Lambert) Failing, of Fry's Bush, New York.

JOHN ROBERT CLARKE, M. D.—After completing preparations for his professional career, Dr. John Robert Clarke began the practice of medicine at Morris, Otsego County, where his activities have since centered. In a relatively few years he has become one of the well-known physicians of this section.

Dr. Clarke was born at Richmond Hill, Long Island, on July 5, 1910, son of Thomas and Margaret Britannica (McCracken) Clarke. His father, a graduate in medicine of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, was born at Stoke-on-Trent, England, on July 18, 1885, came to Canada in 1909 and practiced at Winnipeg until his death on September 20, 1913. His mother was born in 1888 on the ship "Britannica," while her parents were crossing the Atlantic to the United States.

John Robert Clarke was educated in the public schools of Richmond Hill and Franklin, New York, completing his high school course in 1927. Afterward he entered Syracuse University to prepare for his chosen profession and received both the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine at that institution, the latter in 1935. Dr. Clarke served one year as interne at Syracuse Memorial Hospital and spent another year at Cooperstown Hospital as resident in internal medicine. At the end of this time he launched his practice in Morris, where his professional responsibilities have grown to large proportions. Dr. Clarke is a member of the staff of Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta and in addition to the duties of his own practice, serves as school physician and health officer at Morris. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Otsego County Medical Society, the Nu Sigma Nu and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternities and other non-professional organizations, including the Morris Rotary Club. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. Dr. Clarke, who is fond of sports, finds his principal recreation in tennis and bowling.

He married, on August 16, 1935, Ruth Wheat Evans, of Franklin, daughter of Leroy and Cora (Wheat) Evans. Dr. and Mrs. Clarke are the parents of one daughter: Phyllis Ann, born October 7, 1939.

JAMES A. GREEN—Employing about five hundred people in the manufacture of house slippers of all kinds and varieties, the Daniel Green Company, founded in Dolgeville by James A. Green's father, is recognized as a leading enterprise of its type in the world. James A. Green, as its president, is highly esteemed locally and in the business world wherever he is known.

Mr. Green was born August 27, 1877, in Canastota, New York, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Avery) Green. His father, born April 20, 1846, in Brocketts Bridge, as Dolgeville was then known, started his career as a shoe salesman, but later founded his slipper manufacturing company in 1888. His experience in the shoe trade was mainly with Wallace, Elliott & Company, shoe jobbers, of New York City. He died April 5, 1891. The mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Avery) Green, was born July 5, 1848, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and died in October, 1898.

James A. Green received his early formal education in public schools at White Plains, Westchester County, New York, and also attended a private school for a time. In 1895, at the age of eighteen years, he became associated in the house slipper manufacturing business with his father in Dolgeville, afterward becoming an official of the company. He has held different positions with the organization, and since 1920 has been president. The firm now conducts operations under the name of the Daniel Green Company, and is recognized wherever slippers are known or used.

In addition to his work along this line, Mr. Green is a director of the Dolgeville First National Bank. At all times he has interested himself constructively in public affairs, serving on the board of governors of Pine Crest Sanatorium and as a trustee of Dolgeville Library. He is a Republican in politics, has been a trustee of the village of Dolgeville, and is at the time of writing serving on the Dolgeville draft board set up in connection with the selective service act of 1940. Mr. Green is active in many organizations, being a member of the Mohawk Valley Country Club, the Fort Schuyler Club of Utica and the Nick Stoner Country Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Dolgeville Lodge, No. 796, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Commandery of Knights Templar, and Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

James A. Green married, October 28, 1903, Mary I. Brown, of Herkimer, New York, daughter of Edward A. and Mary C. (Small) Brown. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Daniel Green, graduated from Hamilton College as a Bachelor of Arts, now associated with the Daniel Green Company in Dolgeville. 2. Catherine L. Green, graduated as a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

FLORA S. HOFSTETTER—For many years actively engaged in the public service, Mrs. Flora (Stringer) Hofstetter has earned the respect and admiration of her fellow-citizens in Herkimer, where she makes her home and where she now centers her activities as treasurer of Herkimer County.

Mrs. Hofstetter was born August 15, 1888, in Lansdowne, Province of Ontario, Canada, daughter of Robert and Mary A. (Haskin) Stringer, both native Canadians. Her father, a cheesemaker by occupation, operated a successful cheese factory in the Ontario district where the family resided. Later the Stringers came to Herkimer to make their home.

Here Mrs. Hofstetter received her early training in the public schools, being graduated from high school in 1905. Her public career began, in 1918, with acceptance of a position in the Herkimer County clerk's office. She did a great deal of work as copyist and general assistant, then in 1925 became deputy treasurer of the county. In 1929 she was elected county treasurer, in which post she has continued down to the time of writing. She has been four times elected to this office. She is a member of the County Officers' Association, belongs to the Republican party, and worships in the faith of the Methodist Church.

In Herkimer, New York, she married Charles F. Hofstetter; and they became the parents of one son, Gordon W. Hofstetter, who was born May 3, 1910, in Bridgewater, New York.

EDWARD SMALL—As publisher of the Herkimer "Evening Telegram," Edward Small developed an important organ of news and opinion widely circulated in Herkimer County. Although he devoted virtually his entire career to the newspaper business, he was also very active in public life, serving locally in many offices. At the time of his death he was postmaster of Herkimer.

Mr. Small was born at Small's Bush, Herkimer County, on August 6, 1869, son of Adam and Nancy (Witherstine) Small and a descendant of Jacob Small, one of the first German settlers in the Mohawk Valley, captain of the Tryon Militia during the Revolutionary War and a man of prominence in the life of the valley throughout that period. Mr. Small's father, a farmer, was born in 1837 and died in 1875. His mother, Nancy (Witherstine) Small, was born in 1839, daughter of David Witherstine and granddaughter of John Witherstine, born in 1762, died in 1835, who served in the Revolutionary War and received his honorable discharge from that service on June 8, 1783. The Witherstines are one of the old families of the State.

Edward Small was educated in the public school at Herkimer and began his active career at the early age of twelve in a local grocery store. Three years later he entered the shop of the weekly Herkimer "Democrat," where he learned the printing business under its publisher, C. C. Witherstine, his uncle, and gradually assumed larger responsibilities in the organization until he was appointed foreman. On January 1, 1899, with John L. Getman, he purchased the Herkimer "Evening Telegram," a daily then only two months old, and launched the independent career which was to make him one of the leading newspaper publishers of the Mohawk Valley. The original partnership was dissolved in 1911 and was succeeded by the Herkimer Telegram Publishing Company, of which Mr. Small became president and treasurer. He was followed as president after his death by his son, Wesley P. Small (*q. v.*) and as treasurer by his widow, Nellie P. Small, who was active in the newspaper from the beginning.

As publisher of the "Evening Telegram," Mr. Small was influential in the life of Herkimer and the county. This influence was enhanced by his activities as a civic leader and his participation in public affairs. He was prominent in State and local councils of the Republican party for many years and frequently served in public office. From 1898 to 1902 he was a member of the Herkimer Board of Health and the Herkimer Board of Alms. He was elected town clerk in 1898 and supervisor of the town and member of the County Board of Supervisors in 1903. From 1906 to 1910 he served as commissioner of jurors. From 1914 until his last illness, when he resigned, he was Republican State committeeman. His appointment as postmaster of Herkimer came in the latter years of his life and he served from February 14, 1921, until his death. Mr. Small was also chief of the Herkimer Fire Department in 1905. He was president of the Business Men's Association in 1911 and 1912, a director of the Herkimer Chamber of Commerce from 1920 to 1922 and was elected a director of the Herkimer National Bank in 1921. He was active fraternally and had many social connections. A thirty-second degree Mason, he was affiliated in this order with Herkimer Lodge, No. 423, Free and Accepted Masons; Mohawk Valley Consistory, in the Scottish Rite; and Ziyara Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Utica. He was also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Damon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Ilion; General Nicholas Herkimer Chapter, Order of United American Mechanics; Fort Dayton Grange; and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. His club memberships included the Down and Out Club of Herkimer, the Exchange Club, the German Maennerchor and the Men's Club of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church.

On August 6, 1894, at Ilion, Edward Small married Nellie Parker, daughter of John B. Parker, a master painter at Little Falls, who came to this country from England. Mrs. Small, who fully shared the interests of her husband's career, was a partner in the "Evening Telegram" from the time he acquired it and was active in the newspaper during its early years. Following her husband's death, she became treasurer of the Herkimer Telegram Publishing Company. Mrs. Small also succeeded her husband as postmaster of Herkimer and on January 8, 1924, received a regular appointment to that office, by designation of President Coolidge, for a four-year term. A prominent Herkimer resident wrote of her at that time: "She is one of the few women, who, with little previous business training, has been able successfully to step into and carry on her husband's business, both in the newspaper work and now as postmaster; and we admire her for her ability in both."

Mr. and Mrs. Small became the parents of two children: Wesley Parker (*q. v.*), and Marjorie Lucy Small, who married, on August 19, 1929, at Herkimer, Henry M. Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Philip Simmons, and a grandson of H. C. Munger, prominent merchant and banker. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons died in an automobile accident on December 17, 1938; they had no children.

Edward Small died in New York City on August 17, 1922, following an operation from which he failed to rally. He was a capable and public-spirited man, who was called to many responsibilities as a leader in his community and met them with ability, zeal and an unfailing regard for the public interest.

WESLEY PARKER SMALL—Since he succeeded his father as editor and publisher of the Herkimer "Evening Telegram," Wesley Parker Small continues an organ which has become one of the city's institutions during forty years of ownership by this family. He has occupied his present position since 1922.

Mr. Small was born in Herkimer on May 2, 1900, son of Edward Small (*q. v.*) and Nellie (Parker) Small. After completing his course in Herkimer High School in 1917, he attended Union College and in 1922 was graduated from the School of Journalism of Columbia University, with the degree of Bachelor of Literature. His father's death a few months afterward brought him large and immediate responsibilities in the management of the "Evening Telegram." As president of the Herkimer Telegram Publishing Company and editor of the "Evening Telegram" since that time, both the business and editorial management of the paper have rested in his hands. An independent Republican newspaper, with a circulation of approximately 5,500, the "Evening Telegram" reaches many homes in the Herkimer area and is widely known in the Mohawk Valley.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Small serves as a director of the Herkimer Memorial Hospital and trustee of the Washburn Memorial Association. His other civic interests include, notably, the Herkimer Service

Club, successor to the Exchange Club, of which he was president. During the World War he served in the Students' Army Training Corps at Union College and since the war has been a member of Herkimer Post of the American Legion. Mr. Small is also affiliated with the Delta Phi fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity, and the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Herkimer Lodge, No. 423, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Mohawk Valley Consistory, and a member of Ziyara Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Utica. He is also a member of Herkimer Lodge, No. 1439, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Mohawk Valley Country Club.

On October 17, 1931, he married Marion E. Smith, of Brookline, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles and Mary Smith.

WILLIS JUDSON COWEE—In the life and affairs of Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York, the late Willis Judson Cowee was long a prominent figure. He was a native and lifelong citizen of this place, started some of its industries and developed, to high standards, the municipal utilities.

Born July 19, 1861, at Berlin, he was the son of Farwell Malcolm and Sarah Elizabeth (Godfrey) Cowee, his father being a chemist who engaged in agriculture. After attending the grade schools of his birthplace, Willis Judson Cowee completed his formal education by private study of more advanced subjects. After being variously employed, he inaugurated his first business venture of note in the late 1880s when he started a factory for the making of chairs and long handles. The mill had not been operated very long before it was destroyed by fire, leaving its owner heavily in debt. He was married at this time and one of his three children had been born, so it was a case of immediate rehabilitation of family fortunes rather than becoming further indebted by the rebuilding of his plant.

It was not until 1898 that Willis Judson Cowee was free to give scope to his inventive genius and skilled craftsmanship. For the preceding two years he had been in the employ of the General Electric Company, and also working on a machine to apply wire to wooden sticks in shapes such as were in demand by florists in making wreaths for funerals and cemeteries. His device was reasonably well perfected by the turn of the century, and in 1900 he started production on a commercial scale. This was the beginning of the business now conducted under the trade name of W. J. Cowee, Inc., which was incorporated in March, 1923. Between 1912 and 1915, he secured control of the Berlin Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, and proceeded to build it up to greater efficiency and wider service until 1927, when it was sold to the Associated Gas & Electric Company. In about 1912 he acquired the Berlin Water Company, now being operated by his heirs.

Down the years Mr. Cowee was identified with organizations and movements that endeavored to promote the best interests of Berlin. In later years he withdrew from some of these connections, but remained affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Troy Club. While influential in politics and municipal government, his only public office was that of superintendent of highways of the town of Berlin for a term in about 1907. He attended the Baptist Church and was generous in the support of religious and charitable works.

At Berlin, New York, on April 4, 1883, Willis Judson Cowee married Fanny Taylor, daughter of William Frank and Sarah (Denison) Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Cowee became the parents of three children: 1. Sarah Cowee, born January 30, 1885. 2. Clarence Harold Cowee, born November 4, 1888. 3. Millicent Cowee, born September 8, 1898.

Willis Judson Cowee was within four months of three score and ten years old at the time of his death on March 16, 1931. His interesting and useful life had spanned the most important period in the development of our country, and through all the stress and strain of the years from the War Between the States to the great depression that was the aftermath of the first World War, he had remained actively identified with the prosperity and betterment of the town in which he was born and ever remained loyal. In the annals of Berlin his name is written on many pages as one of its progressive and serviceable citizens whose contributions to the body politic were of high and permanent value.

CHARLES S. GUTERMUTH—As president of W. J. Cowee, Inc., manufacturers of wood products, in Berlin, Charles S. Gutermuth has contributed substantially to the economic well-being of this region of New York State. He has at the same time interested himself in the civic life of Berlin and Rensselaer County, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Gutermuth was born March 7, 1890, in Berlin, New York, son of William H. and Mary Elizabeth (Shafer) Gutermuth, both of this place. His father, who long was engaged in the lumber industry, was a well-beloved citizen of Berlin. The mother died in 1940.

Charles S. Gutermuth attended public schools in Berlin, and Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, New York, then turned his attention to business affairs. Except for two

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years, during which he was associated with the General Electric Company, he has been associated throughout his active career with W. J. Cowee, Inc., in Berlin. This company's history dates back to 1898, when Willis J. Cowee, who operated a sawmill, conceived the idea of forming an organization to manufacture flower stems, veneer specialties and wood mouldings. The company was duly formed in 1900, and was called W. J. Cowee, Inc. At first it was situated on Mr. Cowee's farm. In 1901 and 1902 it became increasingly clear that more space was needed, and the Cowee company then bought quarters from John Hewitt. The place had formerly been a center for making bicycles. Up to 1914 the business was conducted on a comparatively small scale.

It was in that year that Mr. Gutermuth came to the organization, and he immediately saw the tremendous possibilities of the business and set about to develop them. In 1915 the firm obtained a large modern building and about two and one-quarter acres of land, the present site of their large factory. In 1923 the business was incorporated, with W. J. Cowee as president and treasurer; Mr. Gutermuth, vice-president; Theodore H. Cowee, secretary. Willis J. Cowee resigned as president in 1926, whereupon Mr. Gutermuth succeeded him in that office. Heading the business down to the time of writing, Mr. Gutermuth has aided to a remarkable degree in promoting prosperity in this part of Rensselaer County. His company employs 165 workmen, and produces veneer products, automatic wood turning, small toy parts and similar items for a wide market throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. Since Mr. Gutermuth came to the firm, its growth and development have been striking.

Aside from his work as president of W. J. Cowee, Inc., Mr. Gutermuth is vice-president of the Taconic Valley Bank. Taking an active part in local politics and public affairs, he is president of the Berlin School Board. He was one of the principal promoters of the $300,000 Central High School Building in Berlin. He has been active continuously in the interests of his community, and particularly deserves credit for promoting the success of the Cowee company. In the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he is an active worker, and he belongs to the First Baptist Church.

In 1913 Charles S. Gutermuth married Sarah Cowee, of Berlin, New York, daughter of W. J. Cowee, founder of the Cowee company. The Gutermuths became the parents of the following children: 1. Holden C. Gutermuth, graduated from Harvard University, married Dorothy Hillick. 2. Frances Gutermuth, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College; married Robert Koerner, of Philadelphia. 3. Allen F. Gutermuth, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; married Clara Sheldon, of Hoosick Falls. 4. William D. Gutermuth, a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Holden C. and Allen F. Gutermuth are associated with their father in the business.

JOHN J. INGRAHAM—As secretary of the Daniel Green Company in Dolgeville, John J. Ingraham has notably contributed to the achievements of this widely known slipper manufacturing firm.

Mr. Ingraham was born June 8, 1878, in Canastota, New York, son of John J. and Mary (Larned) Ingraham. His father, born January 23, 1844, in Ulster County, New York, and died November 16, 1908, was for many years a merchant in Canastota. The mother, long one of the beloved residents of this region, was born September 13, 1844, in Warren, Massachusetts, and died February 23, 1903.

Canastota schools provided the younger John J. Ingraham's early education. Graduated in 1893 from Canastota High School, in 1897 he associated himself with the Daniel Green Company as a clerk. Continuously since that time he has remained with this one organization, serving in many and varied capacities and acquiring a complete understanding and mastery of the business. In 1916 he was appointed to his present post of plant secretary, and today he also serves as the company's purchasing agent. He has had much to do with the establishment of sound company policies, and is widely known in the Capital Region as one of the district's leading business men.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Ingraham is interested in a wide variety of Dolgeville activities. He serves on the Herkimer County board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America, General Herkimer Council. He has manifested a deep interest in Boy Scout work. Golf and bowling are among his favorite recreations, and he is active in a number of clubs and social groups in his district, including the Mohawk Valley Country Club and the Fort Schuyler Club of Utica. He is active in Dolgeville Lodge, No. 796, and Dolgeville Royal Arch Chapter, Free and Accepted Masons.

On April 18, 1897, John J. Ingraham married Nina A. Clark, of Canastota, New York, daughter of Edward J. and Ida M. (Thorpe) Clark. Mrs. Ingraham died April 6, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham became the parents of two children: 1. Edward Clark Ingraham, born April 26, 1898, graduated in 1919 from Dartmouth College as a Bachelor of Arts, married Dorothy Sutton, of Garden City, Long Island, New York; they have one son, Edward Clark Ingraham, Jr., who was born February 2, 1922, and is at the time of writing a student at Dartmouth

College, member of the class of 1943. Edward Clark Ingraham, Sr., is now lieutenant, senior grade, in the aviation branch of the United States Navy. 2. Mary Larned Ingraham, born February 3, 1908, became the wife of George D. Scatchard, of Dolgeville, New York; they have two children: i. George Ingraham Scatchard, born January 23, 1937. ii. Elizabeth Ann Scatchard, born January 9, 1939.

WALTER HERMAN DAVIS—Since 1915, when he entered the Bridgeport, Connecticut, plant of the Remington Arms Company as an engineer, Walter Herman Davis has devoted his career to the Remington organization. During the past twenty years, his activities have centered at Ilion, where he has served in various positions of responsibility and is now military production superintendent.

Mr. Davis was born at Spring City, Pennsylvania, on December 6, 1889, son of John and Lydia Davis. His father, a merchant, now deceased, was born at Parker Ford, Pennsylvania. His mother was born at Spring City.

Walter Herman Davis attended the Spring City schools and after completing the high school course in 1908, entered Lehigh University, from which he was graduated in 1912 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He began his professional career as master mechanic with the Beacon Falls Rubber Shoe Company at Beacon Falls, Connecticut, and after three years in that connection, became an engineer in the Remington Arms Company plant at Bridgeport. In 1916 he was promoted to assistan. works engineer of the Bridgeport plant, a position which he occupied until 1920, when he came to the Remington Cash Register Company at Ilion as plant engineer. In 1927 he was appointed plant engineer of the Remington Arms Company, with responsibilities in the production of both arms and cash registers. After ten years he became supervisor of shotgun manufacturing, serving in this capacity from 1937 to 1940, and in the latter year was designated to the position of production superintendent of the Remington Arms Company, one of the most important posts in the organization. In 1941 he assumed his present position of superintendent of military production.

Since he came to Ilion, Mr. Davis has been associated with many of the principal civic movements of the village and has given his time and special knowledge to the administration of public affairs. He is now president of the Ilion Water Commission and a member of the Ilion Street Board. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the higher bodies of the York Rite, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Ilion Fish and Game Club and the Cedar Lake Country Club. Mr. Davis is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Fond of sports and outdoor life, he finds his principal recreation in golf, fishing, hunting and trapshooting.

On April 17, 1916, at Beacon Falls, Connecticut, he married M. Louise Neary, who was born in Stamford, Connecticut, daughter of John and Mary Neary. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of five children, the eldest two born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the others in Ilion: John, Winifred, Elizabeth, Philip, and Lydia. John, a graduate of West Point Military Academy, class of 1939, is now a first lieutenant with the 26th Infantry, 1st Division, stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM D. ROBENS—As president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Poland, William D. Robens performs a work of importance and value in this New York State community.

Mr. Robens was born March 2, 1874, near Poland, New York, son of William and Mary (Putnam) Robens. His father, a native of Poland, New York, was for years successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. The mother was born in the town of Norway, Herkimer County.

Public schools at Cold Brook provided William D. Robens' early formal education, and he later attended business college at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was graduated in 1892. For four years, until 1896, he taught school in the town of Russia and the town of Ohio, in Herkimer County. Then, in 1896, he began farming operations, operating the old homestead farm that was owned by his great-grandfather, William Robens, as early as 1792 and has remained in the family down to the time of writing. The farm now consists of over 348 acres, and is known as the Robens property. It is situated two miles north of Poland. His interest in banking has for some years paralleled his agricultural and other activities. As early as 1918 he became a director of the Citizens' National Bank of Poland, which elected him vice-president of the institution in 1920 and president on January 14, 1936. He continues to head this bank down to the present, engages in general farming operations, and since the turn of the century has dealt extensively in pure-bred cattle. He lives on the home farm.

Public affairs have also interested him intensely. He is a Republican in politics and a leader in party affairs in this region. He has served as a member of the Cold Brook School Board, and formerly was a director of the Holstein Friesian Association of America, secretary of the New York State Holstein Friesian Association from 1927 to 1930 and is also a member of the county association. He was president of the Schenectady Production Credit Association in 1934 and 1935. He is also active in the American Bankers' Association and the county and State bankers' associations, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the local Grange. He attends the Methodist Church.

William D. Robens married, February 7, 1897, in Poland, New York, Carrie J. Dibble, born in February, 1877, in Hawkinsville, Oneida County, New York, daughter of William and Emmagene (Brooks) Dibble, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Robens became the parents of the following children: 1. Ethel, born in Poland, married Jackson White and has three children: i. Gordon. ii. Caroline. iii. John. 2. William Glen, born in Poland, married Freda Newberry and has four children: i. Jane. ii. Judith. iii. William. iv. Robert. 3. Ward H., also a native of this place, married Frances Ridings. 4. Mary Emma, married Henry Green.

CHARLES M. HUGHES—Since his admission to to the bar in 1922, Charles M. Hughes has been engaged in practice at Schenectady. He is now a member of the well-known law firm of Hughes and Loucks, carrying on an extensive legal business in State and county courts.

Mr. Hughes was born at Poultney, Vermont, on July 10, 1896, son of Maurice and Libbie (Morris) Hughes, both now deceased. His father, who was born at Slatington, Pennsylvania, and died on January 3, 1938, was an accountant employed by the Remington Arms Company at Ilion, New York, for many years. His mother was born at Middle Granville, New York.

Charles M. Hughes was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, at Troy Conference Academy, Norwich University and Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1922. He was admitted to the New York bar in September of the same year and began practice at Schenectady with John Alexander, now a justice of the Supreme Court of New York. In 1924 he formed a partnership with James W. Liddle, present county judge, under the firm name of Liddle and Hughes, and continued this connection until 1934. Subsequently he practiced alone until January 1, 1938, when the present firm of Hughes and Loucks was established. In this firm his associate is Raymond F. Loucks (*q. v.*). Mr. Hughes is a well-known member of the Schenectady County bar. Although he has never strictly limited his practice, he specializes in trial work and the administration of estates and has won a notable reputation in both branches. He is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and Schenectady County Bar Association, and in addition to other legal connections, served as counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly in 1939 and 1940.

Mr. Hughes is also a member of the Devil's Own Law Society, the Theta Chi national fraternity, the Schenectady Rotary Club; St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons; the Schenectady County Historical Society, St. David's Society and the Vermont Society of Schenectady. During the World War, he was commissioned ensign in the United States Navy and spent twenty-one months in the service, part of it in foreign waters, during which period he was on duty on the vessels U. S. S. "Von Steuben" and U. S. S. "Perkins." After the war he became a charter member of American Legion Post No. 21 in Schenectady and a member of the "40 and 8," in which he is Past Chef de Gare. Mr. Hughes is a Republican in politics and a member of the Schenectady County Republican Club. An Episcopalian in religious faith, he is a member of Christ Episcopal Church in this city. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

He was married, on October 1, 1924, to Elsie Klein, of Schenectady, daughter of Oscar and Anna (Ruffert) Klein. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are the parents of two daughters: Phyllis Ann, born May 21, 1928; and Gwendolyn Ellen, born on June 3, 1932.

RAYMOND F. LOUCKS—In 1935, after prior professional experience in Rochester, Raymond F. Loucks began the practice of law in Schenectady, where he is now associated with Charles M. Hughes (*q. v.*) in the law firm of Hughes and Loucks. He is one of the best known younger members of the Schenectady bar.

Mr. Loucks was born in this city on August 24, 1907, son of Elmer E. and Jennie B. (Kennedy) Loucks. His father, who was born in Schoharie, New York, and died in 1928, was a wagon builder at Schenectady, carrying on this business under his own name. The mother is still living.

Raymond F. Loucks received his preliminary education in the Schenectady public schools and after his graduation from high school in January, 1925, entered Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1929. As an undergraduate, he was a member for four years of the Union College tennis team and was its captain in 1928. Mr. Loucks prepared for his profession at Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1932. He was admitted to the bar at Rochester, New York, in 1933, and practiced in that city as an associate in the office of the firm of Oviatt, Gilman, O'Brien and Barnsdale until 1935. Upon his return to Schenectady in the latter year, he became associated with Charles M. Hughes (*q. v.*), with whom he formed the present firm of Hughes and Loucks on January 1, 1938. This firm specializes in trial work and the administration of estates, but accepts other responsibilities attendant upon a general practice.

Mr. Loucks is a member and past secretary of the Schenectady County Bar Association; a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Mohawk Golf Club. He has been Schenectady County tennis champion on four occasions, winning the singles title in 1930, 1931, 1936 and 1937, and during the season of 1939-40 was president of the Union College Alumni Bowling League. Tennis is still one of his favorite recreations, along with golf and bowling. Mr. Loucks is a Republican in politics and a member of State Street Presbyterian Church, Schenectady. He is unmarried.

FRED WHEELER—Widely and favorably known in Hudson, Fred Wheeler is a leader in business circles and in civic affairs. He is a partner in the Wheeler Realty Service, a real estate, insurance and auctioneering enterprise, and he has rendered valuable service to his community as mayor of Hudson and in other capacities.

Mr. Wheeler was born January 18, 1884, in Hudson, New York, attended the local schools, then studied at Albany Business College. He was for twelve years connected with Miller's Book Store, in Hudson, and from 1922 to 1925 was clerk of the board of supervisors. In 1924 he became secretary and treasurer of the Hudson Savings & Loan Association. From 1936 to January 1, 1938, he was Hudson's mayor, the first independent mayor elected in Hudson in one hundred and fifty years. For one term Mr. Wheeler served as supervisor of the Third Ward of Hudson. Since 1922 he has been a partner in the Wheeler Realty Service, a leading establishment of its kind and one of Hudson's foremost business institutions, and in 1935 his son, Fred, Jr., was taken in the organization as partner. He organized the Columbia County Real Estate Board and was its first president in 1931. During 1926 he was Equalization Commissioner of Columbia County, and from September 30, 1933, to May 20, 1935, was acting postmaster of the city of Hudson. He is connected with the Volunteer Firemen's Association, and is ex-president of Phœnix Hose Company, No. 5, of Hudson. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has affiliated with many bodies, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and being an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a former member of the New York National Guard, serving from 1905 to 1911. He also served in the Regular Army in 1904.

In 1905, in Hudson, New York, Fred Wheeler married Grace Louise Ward. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Martha H. Wheeler. 2. Dorothy C. Wheeler. 3. Viola M. Wheeler. 4. Marguerite L. Wheeler. 5. Fred W. Wheeler, a partner with his father in business. 6. Samuel T. Wheeler. 7. Woodrow P. Wheeler.

WALTER VAN WIGGEREN—In a section of New York State settled originally by "Holland Dutch" it is the exception, rather than the rule, to find a citizen such as Walter Van Wiggeren who goes back only to his parents for progenitors who came from The Netherlands. His father, Walter, and his mother, Dieuwke (Zylstra) Van Wiggeren, both of whom are deceased, were born in Holland and came to New York State about 1882.

Walter Van Wiggeren was born in Yorkville, New York, November 12, 1887, and was educated in the schools of Ilion, same State. After leaving school he was variously employed for a few years, but in the meanwhile was studying privately and making progress toward his chosen goal. How well he achieved his ambition is evidenced by the fact that for more than a quarter of a century he has been a mechanical draftsman.

Mr. Van Wiggeren has been called to service in a number of public offices. For a term he was village trustee in Ilion, 1925, and for two terms, 1926-28, was the mayor of Ilion. He also was elected county clerk of Herkimer County, taking office on January 1, 1928. Four times he has been returned to this post, having acted as county clerk continuously from 1928 to the present time. He is a Republican in party allegiance. Fraternally he is affiliated with Ilion Lodge, No. 591, Free and Accepted Masons; Iroquois Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Herkimer Service Club, the Ilion Community Club and has been a trustee of the Cedar Lake Club for many years. He worships in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

On September 2, 1913, Walter Van Wiggeren married Gladys Bradbury, daughter of Walter S. and Emma (Wood) Bradbury, of Ilion.

WARREN J. REARDON—Since 1913 Warren J. Reardon has been associated with the Daniel Green Company, in Dolgeville, of whose No. 1 plant he is now superintendent.

Mr. Reardon was born December 29, 1894, in Summerville, Massachusetts, son of Patrick J. and Annie Frances (Fallon) Reardon. His father, born in 1868 in Summerville, and died in August, 1938, was president of the South Shore Produce Company, of Quincy, Massachusetts, and a member of the Boston Produce Exchange. The mother was born in 1868 in Boston, and died in 1936

Fred Wheeler and Prince.

Mr. Reardon attended public schools in Quincy, Massachusetts, and when he began his business career was for three years associated with the Rice & Hutchins Shoe Company, at South Braintree. He also spent three years with the Watson Shoe Company, at Lynn, Massachusetts, then came to Dolgeville. Arriving here July 5, 1913, he connected himself with the Daniel Green Company, manufacturers of house slippers, serving as a quality man. Later he was made superintendent of the company's plant at Worcester, Massachusetts, so continuing through 1916 and into 1917, when the United States entered the World War. At that time Mr. Reardon became attached to the Quartermaster Corps of the Army, at Jacksonville, Florida, remaining for a year in the service. He then returned to Dolgeville as superintendent of the Daniel Green Company's No. 1 plant, so remaining down to the time of writing.

A Republican in politics, Warren J. Reardon has at all times taken a lively interest in Dolgeville and its people and institutions. He is a member of the Dolgeville School Board, so serving since 1938. He belongs to the Mohawk Valley Country Club, plays considerable golf, is fond of hunting, and is one of his community's beloved and honored citizens. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

On September 3, 1923, Warren J. Reardon married Esther D. Donahue, of Springfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Dennis and Katherine Donahue. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John Don Reardon, born June 12, 1924. 2. Warren J. Reardon, Jr., born December 23, 1925.

AUGUSTUS BERNARD SANTRY, M. D.—Since 1896 Dr. Augustus Bernard Santry has been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery at Little Falls. He has combined a successful professional career with wide public service which has brought him many offices of responsibility and trust, among them the office of mayor.

Dr. Santry was born at Oneida, New York, on September 16, 1867, son of Jeremiah and Julia (Spencer) Santry and a grandson of Dennis Santry, who came from Ireland about 1850 and settled at Vernon, Oneida County. His father was a farmer there throughout his active life. His mother, who was born in Canada and died in 1900, was a daughter of a British officer, Captain Augustus Spencer, who settled in Canada and became a contractor and builder.

Augustus Bernard Santry received his preliminary education in the public schools of Oneida and taught school for four years before beginning his preparation for the profession of medicine in the medical school of the University of Maryland. From that institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1896, after which he returned to New York and established his practice in Little Falls. For many years he has been one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city, bringing to the duties of his practice, professional qualifications of a high order. Dr. Santry was appointed health officer of Little Falls early in his career and afterward became vice-president of the board of health. In later years he resumed his responsibilities as health officer and is serving in that capacity at the present time. He is also a member and vice-president of the Little Falls Public Library Board. He has manifested a consistent interest in public affairs and has been active and influential in the Democratic party, as well as in numerous civic movements. For two periods, in 1908 and 1909 and again from 1933 to 1936, inclusive, he served as mayor of Little Falls, with credit to himself and advantage to the city. In the recent defense emergency, he volunteered his services and is now chairman of the Herkimer County Draft Board, No. 407, located at Little Falls.

Dr. Santry is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society, the Herkimer County Medical Society and various non-professional organizations, including the Mohawk Valley Towns Association and the Little Falls Civic Club. In addition to his private practice, he serves as chairman of the board of Pine Crest Sanitarium, located at Salisbury, Herkimer County. Dr. Santry is a Roman Catholic in religious faith and a member of St. Mary's Parish in Little Falls.

He married, on September 18, 1899, Margaret Mullen, of Little Falls, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Tighe) Mullen. Dr. and Mrs. Santry became the parents of four children: Mary Elizabeth, born December 22, 1908, died March 16, 1909; Margaret Adele, born February 2, 1910; Eileen Spencer, born August 18, 1914, was graduated from Skidmore College at Saratoga Springs in 1936; Joseph Augustus, born July 25, 1916, was graduated from Hamilton College at Clinton with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1938, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Albany Law School in 1941.

JAMES W. BENNISON—Since he began the practice of law at Frankfort in 1924, James W. Bennison has been one of the most active members of the Herkimer County bar. He is a partner in the well-known law firm of Winslow and Bennison and during the past ten years has served as village attorney at Frankfort.

Mr. Bennison was born in Frankfort on October 28, 1898, son of Patrick C. and Anna (Tobin) Bennison. His father, who was born in Sheffield, England, in 1862, and died in July, 1935, was brought to the United States soon after his birth and for many years was a retail coal dealer in Frankfort. The mother, Anna (Tobin) Bennison, was born in Frankfort and died in February, 1936.

James W. Bennison received his preliminary education in the public schools of Frankfort, where he completed the high school course in 1916. Afterward he studied at Marquette and Syracuse universities, where he was a member of the class of 1922, and completed his preparations for his career at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1923. In the following year he was admitted to the New York bar and entered upon the practice of his profession in Frankfort. In 1926 he became a member of the present firm of Winslow and Bennison and has since borne major responsibilities in the conduct of its large legal business. In 1930 he was appointed village attorney of Frankfort, an office he has held without interruption during the intervening years.

Mr. Bennison has appeared successfully in litigations involving virtually every field of law and is a familiar figure in all local courts. He is a member of the New York State and Herkimer County Bar associations. In addition to his professional connections, he is a director of the Frankfort Savings & Loan Association and a member of a number of fraternal orders and clubs, including Ilion Lodge, No. 1444, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler; the Frankfort Kiwanis Club, of which he is past president; and the Mohawk Valley Country Club. During the World War he served in the Students' Army Training Corps at Syracuse University and since the war has been a member of the American Legion, being affiliated with Ralph Baldwin Post, No. 845, at Frankfort, of which he is Past Commander. Mr. Bennison is a Roman Catholic in religious faith and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Golf is his favorite recreation.

On August 25, 1925, he married Ina Dodge, of Schuyler, New York, daughter of Morris J. and Cora (Budlong) Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Bennison are the parents of one son, Robert, born February 18, 1938.

ROBERT K. FOX—The real estate business at Frankfort now conducted by Robert K. Fox under the name of C. L. Fox & Son, was established originally by his father and is today one of the leading enterprises of its kind in the Frankfort area. Mr. Fox has spent his entire career in this community and is active in civic and public affairs as well as business life.

He was born at St. Johnsville, New York, on November 10, 1897, son of Clarence L. and Theodosia (Babcock) Fox. His father, who was born at Adams, New York, on May 11, 1868, and is now deceased, was a railroad man for many years, then turned to newspaper work, first at DeLand, Florida, and later at Frankfort, where he was editor of the "Frankfort Citizen" for a number of years. When that newspaper was sold, he entered the real estate business at Frankfort and was so engaged until his death. Clarence L. Fox served as justice of the peace of the town of Frankfort for twenty years. He was an influential Republican in politics and was active in the Masonic Order, in which he was a member of the Knights Templar and the Shrine, and in the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The mother, Theodosia (Babcock) Fox, was born at Jordan, New York, on August 14, 1870, and is still living.

Robert K. Fox was educated in the public schools of Frankfort, where he completed the high school course in 1916. During the following four years he was associated with several different enterprises, but in 1920 entered the real estate business with his father. This business was established in 1902. Since his father's death on September 1, 1931, Mr. Fox has continued the firm of C. L. Fox & Son alone. He has one of the oldest real estate offices in Herkimer County and handles properties of all types throughout this section.

In addition to his activities during twenty years in the real estate business, Mr. Fox has served as commissioner of jurors of Herkimer County since August 1, 1928, and, since January 1, 1936, has been justice of the peace of the town of Frankfort. He is secretary of the Herkimer County Magistrates Association and a member of the New York State Magistrates and of its committee on vehicle and traffic laws. He has given his support to the civic institutions and enterprises of his community, exercising a substantial and constructive influence in its life. Mr. Fox is affiliated with Olive Branch Lodge, No. 40, Free and Accepted Masons, which was established in 1812, and is a member of a number of higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Iroquois Chapter, No. 236, Royal Arch Masons, and the Consistory, in Utica. He is also a member of Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Utica. In addition to these connections, he is affiliated with Mohawk Lodge, No. 226, Knights of Pythias, and with Frankfort Lodge, No. 216, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican in politics and a member and deacon of the Frankfort Baptist Church.

On June 16, 1923, Robert K. Fox married Gladys Henza, of Fort Plain, daughter of Fred and Mary Henza. They are the parents of two daughters: Dorothy Helen, born February 23, 1925; and Shirley Ann, born February 14, 1928.

FRED J. O'DONNELL—In 1924, after several years of professional experience, Fred J. O'Donnell established his practice in Ilion, where he has since been an

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active member of the bar. He is one of Herkimer County's well-known lawyers.

Mr. O'Donnell was born in Herkimer on March 5, 1900, son of Daniel and Bessie (Crinion) O'Donnell, both born in Ireland. His father, who died on February 20, 1937, was a locomotive engineer on the New York Central Railroad.

Fred J. O'Donnell received his early education in the public schools of Herkimer and subsequently entered Cornell University, where he was graduated from law school in 1922, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon his admission to the bar in the same year, he began practice at Goshen, New York, with Philip A. Rorty. In 1924, however, he returned to Herkimer County and opened an office at Ilion, where he has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of his profession.

Mr. O'Donnell has never limited his practice and has appeared successfully in all courts. He is a member of the New York State and Herkimer County Bar associations and of several non-professional organizations, including the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. During the World War, he served in the Students' Army Training Corps. Mr. O'Donnell is a Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religious faith.

On November 30, 1933, at Utica, he married Gertrude McNulty, who was born in that city, daughter of Edward D. McNulty, of Utica, and Loretta (Costello) McNulty, a native of Binghamton.

HENRY J. SEAGROATT—Conducting greenhouses containing one hundred and fifty thousand square feet of glass in Berlin, Henry J. Seagroatt produces exclusively roses, and his plant is recognized as being one of the largest in existence so to specialize.

Mr. Seagroatt was born March 6, 1880, in Queens County, New York City, son of Thomas and Anne (Thompson) Seagroatt, of London, England. His father was a carpenter by occupation and was the pioneer of his family in America.

Public schools provided Henry J. Seagroatt's early formal education, and he began his business career in the flower-raising business at Bayside, Long Island, in association with John H. Taylor. Later he traveled extensively, gaining ever more knowledge of his chosen specialty. It was in 1911 that he came to Berlin, here working for a number of greenhouses until he bought the plant in 1927 and entered upon his own independent business activity. As the enterprise expanded, he added one greenhouse after another to his holdings. And in his present establishment, under his one hundred and fifty thousand square feet of glass, he employs more than thirty people and produces roses which he sends to all parts of the State of New York. He enjoys an enviable reputation among the large rose cultivators of America, and is the sole owner and head of the business that he has built up here.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Seagroatt is a member of the National Florists' Association. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1904 Henry J. Seagroatt married Minnie Conroy, of Clinton, Massachusetts, daughter of an old family of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Seagroatt became the parents of two children: 1. Albert Henry Seagroatt, who married Helen Brown; they have two sons: Howard A. and Edward Arthur Seagroatt. 2. Mary Alice Seagroatt, wife of Philip V. Riccardi; they have two children: Mary Margaret and Philip Vincent Riccardi, Jr.

C. LELAND CARR—Turning to the insurance business after earlier experience in other fields, C. Leland Carr became associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1918 and has since continued in the organization. He is now manager of the local office of this company in Herkimer.

Mr. Carr was born in Montgomery County, New York, on November 1, 1891, son of Doras and Lillian (Hubbs) Carr. His father, a farmer, was born in Montgomery County and died in 1889. His mother, who is still living, was also born in Montgomery County on July 5, 1866.

C. Leland Carr was educated in the public schools of Fulton County and at Gloversville High School. Launching his active career in 1908, he became associated with the Fulton County Gas & Electric Company at that time and continued the connection until 1913, serving as commercial manager. From 1913 to 1918, he was assistant purchasing agent of the Beech-Nut Packing Company at Canajoharie. In 1918 he became an agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at Johnstown and after seven years of service was appointed assistant manager of the company's Buffalo office. In 1931 he was transferred to Plattsburg as manager of the local office of the company and, from 1933 to 1935, served in the same capacity at Amsterdam. In 1935 he assumed his present duties as manager of the Herkimer office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of his position.

Mr. Carr's experience and record make him a valued member of the Metropolitan organization. He is well acquainted in insurance circles and is a member of a number of insurance associations. Since he became a resident of Herkimer, he has been active in the Herkimer Service Club, of which he is now president, and in other local organizations, including the Mohawk Valley Towns Association and the Mohawk Valley Country Club, each of which he is a director, and the Herkimer Fish and Game

Club. Mr. Carr is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is past State chairman of the Elks Bowling Committee. He is independent in politics and a member of the Reformed Church at Herkimer. Bowling and golf are his hobbies.

On September 14, 1918, at Albany, he married Florence A. Miller, who was born in Johnstown, daughter of the late Warren Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Carr are the parents of one son, Edwin M., born at Johnstown on April 10, 1921.

WILLIAM E. AUTENRITH—Extensively engaged in business in Newport, William E. Autenrith is president of W. E. Autenrith & Sons, Inc., of this place, funeral directors and furniture dealers.

Mr. Autenrith was born July 4, 1898, in Middleville, New York, son of William E. and Mary (Spellman) Autenrith, both natives of New York State, the father of Syracuse and the mother of Newport. The father was also a merchant, undertaker and furniture dealer in Newport, and in his political views was a Republican. The mother died March 28, 1939.

Public schools in Middleville, his birthplace, furnished William E. Autenrith's early formal education, and after attending Middleville High School he became a student at the Utica School of Commerce, where he was a member of the class of 1919, and then at the Simmons School of Embalming, where he was graduated in 1925. When he left school, he became associated with his brother, Stanley J. Autenrith, and their father, in the furniture and undertaking business at Newport. The father started this enterprise at Middleville in 1894, but removed to Newport when, in 1911, he purchased the business of D. W. Smith, in this city. For a time he operated stores in both Newport and Middleville. The father and founder of the business died in March, 1924, whereupon William E. and Stanley J. Autenrith carried forward the work under the present name of William E. Autenrith & Sons, Inc. William E. Autenrith is president of this firm, and his brother is secretary-treasurer.

A Republican in his political views, William E. Autenrith served for eight years as a trustee of the village of Newport. He is a member of Herkimer Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Oneida-Herkimer Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association and is active also in the Norway, Russia and Ohio Fish and Game clubs. Fishing and hunting are among his favorite hobbies, and he is fond of the life of the out-of-doors. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

In Troy, New York, September 14, 1921, William E. Autenrith married Mildred Smith, who was born in Sidney, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith. Her parents are now deceased. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Autenrith: 1. James, born in New Berlin, New York. 2. Mary, born in Utica. 3. Joan, born in Herkimer. 4. Betsy, born in Herkimer

RICHARD BELLINGER CONLEY—Carrying on an extensive practice of law in Little Falls, Richard Bellinger Conley is widely known throughout the Capital Region. In addition to his Little Falls residence, he has a summer home at Stratford, town of Salisbury, in Herkimer County.

Mr. Conley was born January 25, 1903, in the town of Manheim, Herkimer County, son of Peter and Addie (Bellinger) Conley and member of an old and honorable family. His grandfather, John Conley, settled early in the town of Oppenheim, Fulton County, New York, taking up his residence there in Civil War times. The father, Peter Conley, was for years a farmer in Herkimer County; a native of Oppenheim, he died in 1907. The mother, Mrs. Addie (Bellinger) Conley, was born in August, 1868, in the town of Manheim, Herkimer County, New York, and died September 23, 1934. These families were all early settlers in the Mohawk Valley, having come here about 1750, before the Revolutionary War.

Public schools of Little Falls provided Richard Bellinger Conley's early formal education, and after graduation from Little Falls High School in 1921 he became a student at Albany Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1925. Admitted in 1926 to the New York State bar, he at once started practice in June of that year in Herkimer, where he was associated with the late Charles L. Earl in 1926 and 1927. From 1927 to 1930 he was resident attorney for the Utica Gas & Electric Company, in Utica. It was on May 1, 1930, that he came to Little Falls and began the practice of law, here continuing down to the time of writing under the firm name of Blumberg and Conley. This firm are attorneys, at the time of writing, for some of the leading business organizations of the district, such as the H. P. Snyder Manufacturing Company, of Little Falls, and the Mohawk Valley Paper Corporation.

In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Conley has given considerable attention to civic and community affairs. Politically a Democrat, he served from 1930 to 1932 as chairman of the Little Falls city committee of his party. From 1932 to 1939 he was Little Falls' city attorney. Then, in 1939, he was elected mayor for a two-year term. From time to time he has served as a delegate to different Democratic district and State conventions. Several years of organizational work have led to his being a recognized leader in the Herkimer County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He also belongs to the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Little Falls Civic

Club and the Delta Chi fraternity, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Little Falls Lodge, the Scottish Rite Consistory and other groups, and holds the thirty-second degree. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, being particularly fond of horseback riding. Mr. Conley belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Little Falls.

In New York City, at the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, July 24, 1939, Richard Bellinger Conley married Evelyn Margaret Lee, a native of Vancouver, British Columbia, daughter of Roy and Janet (Elliott) Lee, both natives of Canada.

ARTHUR M. ROBERTS—A career in banking has provided fulfilment for the efforts of Arthur M. Roberts, of Little Falls, who is vice-president of the Herkimer County Trust Company, of this city.

Mr. Roberts was born August 19, 1891, in Buffalo, New York, son of Edward and Jennie (Martin) Roberts. His grandfather, John Edward Roberts, was born near Syracuse, and was a noted artisan of his community and his day. The father, Edward Roberts, born at New York Mills, New York, in June, 1869, and died May 12, 1921, was a merchant for many years at Ilion, New York, and was a Republican in politics and a member of the New York State National Guard, 29th Regiment. He was active for years in the Free and Accepted Masons, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The mother, Mrs. Jennie (Martin) Roberts, was born in 1869 in New York Mills.

Ilion schools provided Arthur M. Roberts' early formal education, and he was graduated from Ilion High School in 1909. He then associated himself with the Manufacturers' National Bank, in Ilion, as a clerk, in 1910, so continuing until 1932. Afterward he became cashier of the bank. In 1932 Mr. Roberts became vice-president of the Herkimer County Trust Company, at Little Falls, assuming the responsibilities that he continues to shoulder today.

Centering his business activities and making his home at Little Falls, Mr. Roberts is a Republican in his political views. Formerly he was a member of the Ilion School Board. He is active in the American Bankers' Association and is chairman of Group No. 4 of the New York State Bankers' Association and president of the Oneida-Herkimer Bankers' Association. He is a member of the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Little Falls Civic Club, the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Free and Accepted Masons and Emmanuel Church of Little Falls.

Arthur M. Roberts married, at Ilion, New York, June 9, 1915, Irene Clinton, a native of Ilion, daughter of John and Ella (Lyman) Clinton. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Arthur Roberts, born December 9, 1917, in Ilion, New York. 2. John E. Roberts, born August 5, 1919, in Ilion. 3. Alice Louise Roberts, born in Ilion on October 28, 1922.

JOHN KENNETH HOFFMAN—Following his early connection with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, John Kenneth Hoffman settled at Old Forge, Herkimer County, where his activities have since centered. He is now postmaster of this village.

Mr. Hoffman was born at Gile, Franklin County, on May 4, 1907, son of John Gilbert and Pearl (Wakeley) Hoffman. His father, a lumberman and one-time superintendent of highways and town clerk, was born at Lowville on June 7, 1871, and died at Old Forge in February, 1927. The mother, Pearl (Wakeley) Hoffman, was born at North Creek.

John Kenneth Hoffman was educated in the public school of Thendara, the James Kemball public school in Utica, New Hartford High School and the town of Webb (Herkimer County) Central School, from which he was graduated in 1923. He also studied at St. John's Academy. After the completion of his education he entered the employ of the General Electric Company in Schenectady and continued the association from 1924 to 1927. In the latter year he took over the operation of the Moose Head Hotel in Old Forge and has since been a resident of this community. Mr. Hoffman was active in the hotel business until 1936. His first appointment as postmaster of Old Forge dates from 1936 and during the intervening years his activities have been devoted to his responsibilities in the Federal postal service. On June 20, 1940, he was reappointed postmaster of Old Forge for a new term, which he has now begun.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Hoffman has also served as a village trustee of Old Forge, in 1933, and as justice of the peace of the town of Webb, from 1928 to 1936. He is a member of the National Association of Postmasters, acting as county director of the association; a member of the Lions Club and zone chairman for District 20-Y, a member and past president of the Old Forge Fire Department; and a member of the Herkimer County Magistrates' Association, the Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Central Adirondack Association, Inc., and the New York State Sheriffs' Association. He is also a member of the Old Forge Fish and Game Club and of St. Bartholomew's Church at Old Forge. Mr. Hoffman, who is fond of outdoor life, finds his principal recreation in fishing. His business and civic interests and the responsible positions to which he has been called have given him a wide influence in the life of the Old Forge area.

He married, at Albany, on June 4, 1928, Ann Connell, who was born in that city on January 10, 1907, daughter of the late Michael Connell, a native of Ireland, and Ann Connell. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are the parents of two daughters: Mary Ann, born at Old Forge on May 15, 1929; and Shirley, born at Albany on January 15, 1933.

JOSEPH H. REANEY—For many years prominent in the business and industrial life of St. Johnsville and this region of New York State, Joseph H. Reaney occupies a position of leadership and distinction among his fellow-citizens. He has performed a particularly valuable service in his long official connection with the Union Mills, Inc., in this city, and is a leading textile manufacturer in this area.

Mr. Reaney was born August 6, 1864, in Jersey City, New Jersey, shortly before the close of the Civil War, son of Joseph and Margaret Julia Reaney. His father served in the war as a member of the 5th New York Volunteer Regiment, Union Army, the famous Duryee's Zouaves, but did not afterward long survive to enjoy the fruits of the hard-won peace. He died in 1870, and his wife passed away in 1909. The Reaney family is of French Huguenot origin that fleeing persecution went to Scotland and became Covenanters, and in America became adherents of the Presbyterian faith. The first of the name to migrate to the New World was one Rev. James Rainey, prior to 1740, who in 1748 moved to Walkill, Orange County, New York. In 1765 he built a brick house, reserving one end of it for church services. Rev. James Rainey died in February, 1775, leaving a widow and three daughters and three sons. Two of the boys, David and Samuel, were soldiers in the American Revolution, serving in the 4th Regiment, Continental Army. David, the great-grandfather of Joseph H. Reaney, was also a private in the Orange County Militia.

Joseph H. Reaney spent most of his childhood in Utica, New York, where he attended the public schools. His mother then, and to the end of her days, wielded an inspiring influence upon her son's life which he has always held in grateful memory. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he was a wage-earner from the age of eleven years, selling papers, and started his business career as a cash boy with Buckley, Myer & Company, in Utica, remaining with them from 1876 to 1884. He spent four years thereafter with S. S. Lowery & Son, a knit goods manufacturing firm in Utica, where he learned the rudiments of the industry with which his whole life has been mainly connected. He also had some experience as a salesman with the Morris Mark Mill, another knit goods company, of Herkimer. The significant feature of this early career of Mr. Reaney was its training in salesmanship, of himself as well as goods. Later, as an organizer and executive he never lost sight of the fact that production without a sufficient market spells failure to any industry.

It was in 1892 that Mr. Reaney came to St. Johnsville and joined a knit goods manufacturing partnership with C. E. Taylor. The relationship was dissolved after three years, whereupon Mr. Reaney independently established the Royal Mills, equipping the old Petit Bijou, at the foot of South Division Street, for factory use. In the period that followed there were repeated expansions and improvements, in the course of which Mr. Reaney himself became ever better and better known in the business world, eventually becoming general manager and executive head of the Union Mills, Inc., owners of eight knitting mills employing eight thousand people.

No narrative of the life of Mr. Reaney would be complete without the background of the development of this great business enterprise. One of the leading textile establishments in the Mohawk Valley, the Union Mills were founded in the mid-nineties of the last century. Mr. Reaney, at all times demonstrating his talent as a manufacturer, financier and executive, built the present factory at the foot of Bridge Street, corner of Kingsbury Avenue, St. Johnsville, in 1901. In 1902 he purchased the Gem Mills, at Herkimer, consolidating the two institutions and creating the name of Royal Gem Mills, Inc. In 1906 he added the mills whence the present name is derived—three mills altogether, two in Hudson and one in Mechanicville. In 1910 he took in two mills at Catskill and the Mark Mill at Herkimer, and what was known as the Union & Royal Company, Inc., was organized as a selling agency for the Royal-Gem-Union Mills properties. Afterward these mills were merged into a combination of thirty-one mills in all, including the New England Cotton Yarn Company, with main offices in New York City; but later the combination was dissolved, being replaced by the Union Mills, Inc., with eight mills in the corporation—two at Herkimer, two at Hudson, two at Catskill, one at Mechanicville and one at St. Johnsville. The St. Johnsville mill was the parent plant. The different mills were of up-to-date construction and were thoroughly equipped with the most modern machinery for knitting and with other apparatus needed in turning out their products. Good light and ventilation added to the comfort of the workers and the quality of their craftsmanship, and Mr. Reaney, in particular, has given great consideration to the welfare of those who labor under his direction. The Union Mills became widely known for their men's, women's and children's knit underwear, ribbed and fleece-lined, and their sweater coats and knit overshirts. They made fifty thousand dozen garments weekly under normal conditions.

The work of Mr. Reaney as head of these mills has won for him the recognition of textile men throughout the United States. During the troublesome first World War period he was one of those who, at great personal sacri-

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fice, gave his services as a "dollar-a-year man" to the War Industries Board, one of the most efficient of the emergency war organizations in Washington. Bernard M. Baruch, in appreciation of his work in that connection, wrote under date of December 14, 1918, signing himself as board chairman:

> Before closing up the work of the War Industries Board, I wish to send you a note of personal appreciation for the unselfish and patriotic service which Mr. Lincoln Cromwell tells me you have rendered to our Knit Goods Section. The speedy victory of our troops was in large part due to the backing, such as yours, which they received from those who worked at home in the great task.

Quite aside from his work with the Union Mills, Mr. Reaney has interested himself in a variety of business enterprises. He was president of the First National Bank of St. Johnsville for many years, and is still a director; a director of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, of Boston and New York City; he was a director of the Mohawk Valley Investment Company, of Utica; and formerly a director of the Oneida County Trust Company. He also served on the board of directors of the Association of Knit Goods Manufacturers of America.

Mr. Reaney has also participated constructively in public affairs. When he was still very young, he began his service along these lines, serving from 1912 to 1922 as water commissioner of St. Johnsville and for seventeen years as a member of the board of education here, a position he now holds. Politically he has been a staunch Republican. During the first World War, in addition to his work with the War Industries Board, Mr. Reaney was a leading figure in the Liberty Loan drives as chairman of the local "four-minute men." Fraternally he is connected with Utica Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons, from which he received a Fifty-Year Medal, in 1941, and with the Scottish Rite bodies in Utica, as well as with the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a delegate to the Shrine National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June, 1941. He is affiliated with St. Johnsville Lodge, No. 611, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Reaney was formerly active, too, in Little Falls Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Little Falls Country Club, a former member of the Arkwright Club and a member of the Union League Club, of New York; the Fort Schuyler Club, of Utica; the St. Johnsville Club and the Exchange Club, of St. Johnsville; and the Yahnundasis Club, of Utica. Mr. Reaney is a member of the Mohawk Valley Historical Association. He is a deacon in the St. Johnsville Reformed Church. Through all these activities Mr. Reaney has notably contributed to the civic and social life of his times, earning the admiration and respect of his contemporaries in all walks of life.

Joseph H. Reaney married, in St. Johnsville, New York, Gertrude K. Horn, daughter of Adam and Gertrude Horn, long established residents of the village. Her father established the Horn Flour Mills here. Mrs. Reaney, who is active in the civic and club life of St. Johnsville, shares her husband's many public interests and activities.

There is a dual aspect to the career of Joseph H. Reaney: First that of an industrialist whose enterprises and leadership furthered the prosperity of communities by the employment of a large number of people, and opened to thousands opportunities for the improvement of their financial and social status. No outstanding industrialist or company in adding to their wealth fails to contribute to the wealth of others. Second, there are the contributions made by the man of wealth from his own accumulations to the welfare and betterment of his fellowmen. Mr. and Mrs. Reaney, for in his wife the industrialist has a most coöperative partner, have found great joy in giving, in sharing with institutions, towns and individuals, the fruits of genius and leadership.

In Utica, New York, the Faxton Hospital has benefited importantly in memory of his mother, Margaret Julia Reaney. Benefactions to St. John's Reformed Church, St. Johnsville, and to the Masonic Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children have been most liberal. And there have been many other beneficences of which most persons know nothing, the extent of which cannot be judged.

There have been several public gifts of noteworthy significance, such as The Margaret Reaney Memorial Library, in honor of his beloved mother who lived valiantly from 1830 to 1909. The main part of this beautiful building was erected in 1909 by her son, of this record, and has since received ample support. A large addition was made by Mr. and Mrs. Reaney in 1937. Then there is the St. Johnsville Community House, the gift being made to the village in 1935, by Mr. and Mrs. Reaney, which incidentally came as a complete surprise to the place and its folk. Another notable gift of the two is Klock Park, donated in three sections, in 1920, 1927 and 1933-34, and named in honor of Dr. Charles M. Klock (1854-1909) a highly regarded local physician. This lovely, wooded retreat comprises some one hundred and twenty acres. In 1937, Mr. Reaney presented a monument, dedicated to the patriotism and memory of those who engaged in the Civil War, and incidentally a memorial to his father, veteran of the famed Fifth New York Duryee's Zouaves. There are also the gifts of part of the fine building that formerly housed the Royal Mill; the so-called Smith Block, on East Main Street, for meeting purposes of the Fire Department and the St. Johnsville Band; gifts for the improvement of streets, of parking spaces, for educational and library endowments, to religious and fraternal organizations in various towns and cities. Of special interest is the Tower Carillon to the St. John's Reformed Church, dedicated March 21, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Reaney also presented the Carillon from the Netherlands Building at the New York Worlds Fair, to the New Brunswick Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1940. Seldom have lives and philanthropies been so intimately intertwined with a community as those of Mr. and Mrs. Reaney.

On the walls of the Margaret Reaney Memorial Library is a bronze plaque, the inscription of which reads:

This Tablet is Erected In
Grateful Recognition Of The
Public Spiritedness
Of Our Fellow Citizen
JOSEPH H. REANEY
Who, Desirous of Serving His
Fellow Townsmen
Provided This Building To Be
A Permanent Home For The
Literature and Art
Of This Community
1909-1937
This Tablet Erected By The
VILLAGE AND TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOHNSVILLE, N. Y.

PATRICK EDWARD HURLEY—Since 1917 Patrick Edward Hurley has been active in the business, civic and fraternal life of Old Forge, Herkimer County. He is a member of an old north New York family, his grandfather, Daniel Hurley, being born at Warrensburg, Warren County, early in the eighteen hundreds. Daniel Hurley's son, Daniel, was born at the same place, February 24, 1850, and lived to April 29, 1939. He farmed in Warren County and was a substantial citizen. He married Julia Collins, who was born at North Creek, August 15, 1859, and to them was born at North Creek, New York, on January 12, 1888, Patrick Edward Hurley.

After attending the schools of his birthplace he went to the Albany Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. Later he formed a partnership with John J. Ryan to operate a general store in Old Forge, an enterprise which has proven increasingly successful down the years. Mr. Hurley is a director of the First National Bank. In politics, a Democrat, he has served on the board of education and is influential and helpful in activities that promote the welfare of the town. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church.

On September 17, 1917, at Old Forge, New York, Patrick Edward Hurley married Evelyn Foley, born at North Creek, daughter of Jerry and Anna May (Moynehan) Foley, both parents born in Ireland.

GEORGE BURRILL GETMAN—During the national financial crisis of 1933, George Burrill Getman accepted election as the president of the Manufacturers National Bank of Ilion, New York. For many years he had been a director and vice-president of the institution, but even longer had been identified with a wholesale provision business which required a major share of his attention and energies. From this he retired, however, and has since devoted himself to the affairs of the bank. He is well and favorably known in financial circles, in the municipality of which he has been a resident since the beginning of the present century, and to the development of which he has contributed importantly.

Mr. Getman, like his parents and some of his ancestors, is a native of the town of Columbia, Herkimer County. He was born there October 19, 1879, son of Fayette and Clara (Burrill) Getman. His father, a farmer for many years, entered the retail provision business in 1901. A Republican in his political allegiance, he had the honor of being the mayor of Ilion, the postmaster of the town of Columbia, a justice of the peace, and served in other elective and appointive offices.

George Burrill Getman was educated in the public schools of West Winfield and Ilion, New York, and early became associated with his father in the Fayette Getman provision business. This connection was continued from 1901 to 1933, as already indicated. In the latter-named year he sold the establishment to his brother, Clarence F. Getman, and since then has come rapidly to the fore as the president of the Manufacturers National Bank of Ilion. He had been a director of this institution since 1919, and the vice-president for a number of years.

Mr. Getman was treasurer of the Light Commission of the city of Ilion from 1919 to 1933, and has been a member of the board for fifteen years. He is a Republican in politics, influential in party councils and campaigns. Always he has been on the side of movements undertaken for the improvement of Ilion and its neighboring towns, both as a private citizen and as a member of organizations. Fraternally Mr. Getman is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of the Ilion Fish and Game Club. His contacts with the financial field are kept active by memberships in the American Bankers Association, the Herkimer County Bankers Association and the Ilion Bankers Club. He worships in the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee over a long period.

On September 30, 1903, in the town of Columbia, Herkimer County, New York, George Burrill Getman married Bertha Ella Myers, born here in October, 1882, daughter of Frank N. and Clara (Sholes) Myers. Mr. and Mrs.

Getman are the parents of five children, all born in Ilion, New York: Burrill Myers, Frank Newton, Fayette B., Clara Ella, and George Herbert.

LEONARD D. HELMER—A native and lifelong resident of Old Forge, New York, Leonard D. Helmer has gained recognition as one of the progressive members of the younger business group of the town. He was born February 15, 1907, son of William J. and Katherine (Deis) Helmer. His mother came originally from Booneville, New York. His father, born at Moose River, same State, operated a lumber yard at Old Forge, and was conspicuously active in local affairs.

After attending the elementary schools of his birthplace, Leonard D. Helmer entered Webb High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1924. For education in business administration, he went to the Central City Business College, receiving his diploma two years later. Mr. Helmer initiated his business career as a shipping clerk with the George Deis Lumber Company, at Old Forge. It was with plenty of experience in the various phases of the delivery of heavy materials, that, in 1933, he formed a partnership with George Dirk to establish a coal and trucking business. The firm name is Helmer & Dirk, better known as the Utica & Old Forge Express. The two heads employ on an average of five people and their trucks are constantly on the highway between the two places and the streets of the city.

Like his father before him, Mr. Helmer is a staunch Republican in party allegiance, and was clerk of the village of Old Forge from 1933 to 1937. He is fire commissioner of the town of Webb, a member of the Herkimer County Volunteer Firemen's Association, a very old organization. Fraternally, Mr. Helmer is affiliated with Northwoods Lodge, No. 849, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the Old Forge Fish and Game Club, and the Central Adirondack Association. He is a popular member of the Lions Club. He is a member of the Nichols Memorial Church and of its Men's Club.

On April 30, 1937, at Old Forge, New York, Leonard D. Helmer married Helen Gutchess, born June 12, 1913, at Port Byron, daughter of Lewis and Mabel (Hunter) Gutchess, both natives of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Helmer are the parents of two daughters, Mary Elizabeth, born in June, 1939, at Old Forge, and Catherine, born in March, 1941.

MAJOR-GENERAL BERNARD WILLIAM KEARNEY—During the course of his active career, Major-General Bernard William Kearney has won distinction in both military and civil life. He is a veteran of the New York National Guard, in which he rose from the ranks to the grade of major-general during a term of service featured by combat duty in France during the World War. He is also a well-known member of the Fulton County bar and since 1931 has served as district attorney of the county.

General Kearney was born at Ithaca, New York, on May 23, 1889, son of Patrick B. Kearney, a clothier, and Josephine M. (Oster) Kearney. In 1898, General Kearney moved with his parents to Schenectady, where he completed his preliminary education at Schenectady High School in 1909, the year in which the family home was established in Gloversville. Subsequently, he prepared for the profession of law at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914. In the same year he was admitted to the New York bar, served his clerkship in the office of Judge Cassedy at Gloversville and then returned to Albany to begin the practice of his profession. In 1916, with the calling of National Guard units for service on the Mexican border, he temporarily relinquished his connections in civil life and spent the following three years in the service of his country.

General Kearney's association with the New York National Guard began in 1909, when he enlisted as a private in Company G, 2d New York Infantry. His subsequent rise to general rank brought him through all non-commissioned and commissioned grades. On the Mexican border, from June, 1916, to March, 1917, he served with Troop B of the 1st New York Cavalry. Shortly after his return North, he was commissioned second lieutenant and assigned to duty at Fort Niagara. In November, 1917, he was promoted to the grade of captain of infantry, and after training at Camp Hancock, Georgia, was ordered overseas with his command in July, 1918, as an officer in the Second Army, American Expeditionary Forces. In France he led his troops in the battle of St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, serving with such distinction that he received the decoration of the Croix de Guerre from the French Government and was made an Officier of the Legion d'Honneur. After the Armistice he received his honorable discharge from the National Army, but was immediately recommissioned in the New York National Guard and in April, 1920, took command of Company H, 105th Infantry, Machine Gun Company. Although again occupied with the interests of his professional career, he continued active in the State military organization and was promoted successively through the higher ranks. From 1934 to 1937 he was the officer commanding the 105th Infantry, New York National Guard. Subsequently he was appointed commanding general of the 53d Brigade, a command he continued until August, 1940, when he was retired, due to disability, with the rank of major-general. His thirty-one years of active military service constitute a notable chapter in the annals of the National Guard.

Since February, 1919, when he returned to civilian life following his World War service, General Kearney has been engaged in the practice of law at Gloversville, except as the responsibilities of public service have required his attention. Since 1920 he has been active in public life almost without interruption, first as city judge of Gloversville for two terms, from 1920 to 1924; afterward as assistant district attorney of Fulton County from 1926 to 1930; and finally as district attorney of the county, an office he has held since 1931. He is recognized as an able lawyer and zealous public official whose service in three successive offices has enhanced his stature.

General Kearney is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, which he served as county commander of Fulton County for several terms, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, of which organization he was National Commander-in-Chief during 1936-37, and the Sons of Union Veterans, having served previously as Department Commander of the State of New York. He is also a member of the various bar associations, the Gloversville Chamber of Commerce, the Eccentric Club of Gloversville and the Army and Navy Club of New York City. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

On March 31, 1917, at Albany, General Kearney married Lillian Dean, daughter of Ellsworth and Theresa Dean, both born in Vermont and early residents of Hoosick Falls, New York. General and Mrs. Kearney are the parents of three children: Marion, born December 29, 1918; Joan, born February 15, 1922; and Patricia, born July 23, 1930.

ARCHIBALD DUNCAN ANDERSON—Coming to Fort Johnson with a broad background of business experience, Archibald Duncan Anderson has performed a particularly valuable service as custodian of the Old Fort property here.

Mr. Anderson was born September 25, 1887, in the town of Mayfield, Fulton County, New York, son of Archibald and Harriette Jane Anderson. His family is an old one in America. His great-grandfather, Duncan Anderson, who came here from Scotland, was miller to Sir William Johnson at Johnson Hall, Johnstown, and later, during the Revolutionary War, served in the Tryon County Militia. Archibald Anderson, Archibald Duncan Anderson's father, was engaged in farming, and was also county clerk of Fulton County, New York. He served from 1861 to 1865 in the Union Army during the Civil War, holding the sergeant's rank in Company B, 44th New York Volunteers ("Ellsworth Avengers"). Harriette J. Anderson, *née* Merchant, was of Huguenot French descent and among her ancestors was a member of the Albany County Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Archibald Duncan Anderson attended public schools at Gloversville, New York, and was graduated from Gloversville High School. He then turned his attention to business affairs, and for twenty-two years was connected with the chain store business, managing stores in New York State, Rhode Island, North and South Carolina and Georgia, as well as in the Canadian Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. He was successful in all this work, and, a Democrat in his political alignment, took a deep interest in public affairs in the different communities where he lived from time to time or with which he was in one way or another connected, although he never sought nor held public office.

His military service has always closely paralleled his business and other activities. Mr. Anderson joined Company H, 2d New York National Guard Regiment, in Amsterdam, New York, in April, 1914. In 1916 he served on the Mexican border during difficulties there. When the United States became a party to the World War, in 1917, he was called for duty, first with Company H, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, United States Army, then at 27th Division headquarters, to which he was transferred with the rank of sergeant, first class. Serving with that rank in Belgium and France, attached to the divisional ordnance officer, he received a citation for "meritorious service and devotion to duty" and was decorated with the Conspicuous Service Cross. He was honorably discharged at Camp Upton on April 1, 1919, then enlisted for one year's service with Company H, 105th Infantry Regiment, to help rebuild the company. After removing to North Carolina, where he was active in business at the time, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the 81st Division Infantry Reserve.

Since 1936 Mr. Anderson has been custodian of Fort Johnson, the old fort property, which is now owned by the Montgomery County Historical Society, in whose affairs he is active. At Fort Johnson he receives thousands of visitors annually from all parts of the United States, Canada and other lands. He served in 1938 as general chairman of the Sir William Johnson Bi-centennial Celebration, which extended throughout New York State and Canada. Among the other honors that he has received, Mr. Anderson was adopted, at Brantford, Ontario, Canada, as Ga-ra-wa-no-ran ("Doer of Good Deeds"), into Cayuga Tribe, Wolf Clan, of the Six Nations. He is a member of the 27th Division Association, Inc., serving as first vice-president of the State organization, and is a charter member and past commander of James T. Bergen Post, No. 39, of the American Legion, at Amsterdam, as well as a past county commander of the Montgomery

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County branch. He is at the time of writing "Americanism chairman" of his local post and of the county group. Mr. Anderson is also a charter member of Amsterdam Post, No. 55, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is at the time of writing patriotic instructor. Formerly he was post commander, being the first to hold that office in Amsterdam Post, and past State commander in the department of North Carolina. He is also an honorary member of the Carleton Branch, Canadian Legion, at St. Johns, Province of New Brunswick, Canada.

His historical activities have gone hand in hand with his military work. Mr. Anderson belongs to the Mohawk Valley Historical Society, the Johnstown Historical Society, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association (in which he is key man of the Amsterdam unit), and the Argenteuil County Historical Society (St. Andrew's East, Province of Quebec, Canada). He belongs to the Amsterdam Fish and Game Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Welcome Lodge, of Amsterdam; Moye Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Washington, North Carolina; Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar, also at Washington, North Carolina; and Sudan Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at New Bern, North Carolina. He and his wife both attend the Second Presbyterian Church, in Amsterdam, where she is a member.

Archibald Duncan Anderson married, September 1, 1910, in Amsterdam, New York, Lorena E. Radley, daughter of Daniel M. and Harriet Helen Radley.

SHERWOOD A. MOSEMAN; JOHN JOSEPH MARTIN—As owners of The Sugar Maples at Maplecrest, Sherwood A. Moseman and John Joseph Martin have created one of the Catskill's finest resorts. Building step by step during the past sixteen years they have developed an institution which its thousands of guests have found unique in comfort, homelike and wholesome atmosphere and in the abundance of its facilities for rest and recreation.

Sherwood A. Moseman comes of a family long established in Greene County. About the middle of the nineteenth century Birdsell Moseman settled in what was known as Big Hollow in the town of Windham. While others had also pioneered in this district there had been no attempt to build up a settlement until he came. About 1850 his two sons, Robert and William Henry Moseman, having each secured the sum of fifty dollars, formed a partnership and entered the grocery business. Their first stock was a sugar barrel full of groceries. Although the development of the business was slow, they prospered and with their store as a center, the settlement in Big Hollow took form. There were three sons in this family and eventually homes were built for all of them by their father, Birdsell Moseman, as each in turn married. Robert Moseman took as his wife Jennie Calkins, of Durham, daughter of Ira Calkins and a descendant through her mother, a Barker, of one of the original grantees of land in this section. Jennie (Calkins) Moseman was a woman of forceful character and civic spirit, who was chiefly instrumental in many community improvements and always worked for the betterment of the village. She had a leading rôle in the organization of both local churches and served as organist in each.

Robert and Jennie (Calkins) Moseman were the parents of Sherwood A. Moseman, of this record. He was born at Big Hollow on April 29, 1883, and was educated in local schools. When he was only twelve years old his father died and his mother subsequently married William Henry Moseman, her first husband's brother, whose kindly interest and painstaking training did much to develop in young Sherwood the qualities which made possible the success of his present business. William Henry Moseman continued to operate the general store at Big Hollow, and when a post office was established there he became postmaster of the village. About 1900 Sherwood A. Moseman came into the business with him, having supplemented his education in the village schools by a course at Albany Business College. He enlarged the store and increased the business considerably, but after a few years felt impelled to leave the small town and move to the city. Accordingly he took up his residence on Staten Island and entered the mercantile business there. Soon he developed a flourishing enterprise, operating what was probably the largest store of its kind on Staten Island. After the United States entered the World War he sold his business with the intention of enlisting, but by the time he could dispose of the store the war was over.

Meanwhile, on one of his trips to the wholesale market in New York as a Staten Island merchant, he struck up an acquaintance with a boy working at James H. Dunham's wholesale textile house, who had been orphaned and was supporting himself as best he could. This was John Joseph Martin, later to become his partner, with whom he soon came on friendly terms. Although Mr. Martin was then only fourteen years old, he managed to enlist in the army, from which he was transferred to the navy. Assigned to duty aboard the U. S. S. "Leviathan," he served until after the close of the war. By this time, Mr. Moseman had returned to Big Hollow, where he acquired and operated the old family store and in due time was reappointed postmaster. From his young friend, John Martin, he received an occasional card, and thus their contact was maintained. While on a buying trip to New York, he spent an evening with Martin and invited him to visit at Big Hollow when he received his discharge from the navy. He came for a couple of weeks but remained to go to work for Mr. Moseman, who continued to operate his general store for several years. In 1925 it was sold to Valentine Morrow, who has since conducted it and has served, in addition, as postmaster.

Mr. Moseman withdrew from the mercantile business to devote himself to the development of his summer resort. This project had its origin in 1924, when he built a new home. Since his old house was standing idle, a friend up from New York on a week-end visit suggested that Mr. Moseman furnish one of the old rooms and rent it to him and his party. Mr. Moseman agreed to do so, and an arrangement was also made for his visitors to take meals with him. Upon their return to New York, these friends wired to find out if he could furnish another room to accommodate friends of theirs. Thus was born one of the Catskill's finest resorts. Each year, more rooms were added to the original house and these in turn were rented to summer vacationists. Gradually other properties on both sides of the street were acquired, and the establishment grew from year to year.

By this time Mr. Moseman had taken Mr. Martin into partnership with him. They did all the work of establishing the business and fitting up the properties themselves, including the plumbing, carpentry, painting and, as soon as it was possible, the electrical work. In fact, they organized a company and had the wires all strung from Windham to Tannersville before they could prevail upon the electric company to give them service. As each year came and went, they devised new ways to make improvements and additions. At the very outset they decided to establish a rule of strict temperance in order to attract a responsible and desirable class of trade. The best cooks obtainable were hired, and as facilities for various sports and recreations were installed, instructors were obtained for the convenience of guests. Today there are five instructors always available. A fine swimming pool, a baseball diamond, skating rink, archery range, shuffle board, tennis courts, ping pong tables, croquet courts, riding horses and bicycles are only some of the attractions offered. Indoors, there is a fine library, while many game and recreation rooms, an infirmary and other conveniences help to make this resort establishment a city in itself. The kitchens are a marvel of modern science and cleanliness. The tremendous ranges are coal burning, but electrically operated so that coal is never in the kitchen. The largest stainless steel steam table ever built has been installed. Electric cabinets for warming plates and other for cooling plates, electric dish washing machines and other equipment complete the kitchen facilities. The dining room seats 750 people at one time. The rooms accommodate 450. Home-like comfort in a modern setting and a complete recreational program have been the keynotes of the establishment, which annually attracts thousands of visitors. From Decoration Day to the middle of September, The Sugar Maples is completely sold out each year, and the office boasts what is probably the largest reservation board ever used.

Mr. Moseman has been in charge of the business details of the establishment and Mr. Martin is in full charge of maintenance and personnel. Under him is a staff of about 110 people. Remembering his own youthful struggles, he has tried to hire underprivileged young people wherever possible. He teaches them the various trades in an intensive course during the four months the establishment is open and has had the satisfaction of seeing many of them succeed in these vocations. Some have remained with the organization while others have gone on, but all have had occasion to thank Mr. Martin for his friendly interest and real assistance. Mr. Moseman, as host, handles personal relations with the public, and his pleasant and genial spirit have made him a prime favorite with all who know him. Both men have an abundance of energy, and their first objective is to give their customers full value and more.

Soon after they started in business, the two partners realized that the name Big Hollow was entirely inappropriate to the town, so they suggested to the local governing bodies that the village be renamed. The present name, Maple Crest, was suggested by Mrs. Mary Reynolds, and with the approval of the Post Office Department, this name was adopted. The whole section around Maple Crest abounds in maples so that the name is entirely appropriate. This fact also suggested the name of the resort establishment itself, so that the entire property is now known as "The Sugar Maples."

One of the finest achievements of Mr. Moseman and Mr. Martin was the formation of a volunteer fire department made up of their employees. After two years futile effort by the village to raise funds for a fire department, they used their own funds to erect a modern fire house, complete with sixteen sleeping rooms, apartments for the chief, etc. The equipment consists of one 650-gallon-a-minute pumper and one 250-gallon-a-minute pumper, thus making fire protection available to the entire village.

Mr. Moseman spends his winters in South and Central America, where he pursues his favorite hobby, water colors. His paintings in this medium have won considerable praise, and his exhibit room in The Sugar Maples is of much interest to the guests. Mr. Martin is active fraternally as a member of such organizations as Mountain Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and others. His particular hobby is poetry.

Mr. Moseman married Adeline Newkirk, of Hensonville, and they have three children: Fredonia, Bertha and Vernette. All are associated with him in the business.

John Joseph Martin.

THEODORE DOUGLAS ROBINSON—For many years prominent in the business and public affairs of New York City and his home community of Mohawk, New York, Theodore Douglas Robinson held a number of political offices in New York State and was Assistant Secretary of the Navy of the United States from 1924 to 1929. His accomplishments were of a high order of usefulness, earning for him wide respect and admiration and establishing him firmly in the confidence and affections of his contemporaries. He was kind, generous, fair-minded, sincere of purpose, and devoted to the best interests of the people of his home State and Nation.

Mr. Robinson was born April 28, 1883, in New York City, son of Douglas and Corinne (Roosevelt) Robinson. His grandfather, the American progenitor, was also named Douglas Robinson. This first Douglas emigrated to America from Scotland and married, in 1850, in New York, Fannie Monroe. Fannie Monroe's ancestry goes back to Andrew Monroe, the progenitor of the line in America, who was also born in Scotland, emigrating to America in 1650. Andrew Monroe was the son of David and Agnes Monroe and married Elizabeth. The name Andrew persists as the head of following generations of the line to two brothers, Andrew Monroe and Spence Monroe, the latter marrying Elizabeth Jones and becoming the parents of President James Monroe, and Andrew. This Andrew Monroe, son of Spence Monroe, married, in 1789, Ann Bell, and they were the parents of Colonel James Monroe (nephew of the President), born in 1799 and died in 1870. Colonel James was a member of Congress, and married, in 1823, Elizabeth Mary Douglas, and it was their daughter, Fannie, born in 1824 and died in 1906, who married, in 1850, the first Douglas Robinson and who was the paternal grandmother of the subject of this sketch.

Theodore Douglas Robinson took his name from both his mother's brother, the late President Theodore Roosevelt, and from his father, Douglas Robinson, who was of Scottish descent. The Roosevelts were of Dutch-English stock.

St. Paul's School, at Concord, New Hampshire, provided Theodore Douglas Robinson's early formal educaion. After studying there between 1895 and 1900 he entered Harvard University, where he was graduated in 904 as a Bachelor of Arts. Between 1883 and 1904 he had his residence in New York City, and from 1905 to 910 in Orange, New Jersey, where he was engaged in he real estate business in those years. Giving his attenion early in his career to political and public affairs, Mr. Robinson became a member of the Republican party and supporter of its policies and principles. It was in 1912 hat he was elected to the New York State Assembly on his party's ticket. Mr. Robinson was active in the Progressive party movement launched by his uncle, and served in 1913 as chairman of the Progressive State Committee. In 1916 he was elected to the State Senate, representing the district embracing Herkimer County. Until 1918 he served as State Senator, to which post he was again elected in 1920.

Meanwhile, he rendered valuable military service to his country. As early as 1906 he had become a member of Squadron A of the National Guard of New York State, so continuing until 1908. In 1918, when he completed his first term in the State Senate, Mr. Robinson entered the Central Officers' Training Camp at Camp Zachary Taylor, in Kentucky, there remaining from August, 1918, to December of that year, being discharged with the rank of first lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve Corps. At his second election as New York State Senator, in 1920, he served two terms in that office, being reëlected in 1922. In those four years he was active in promoting much important legislation of the period, and he occupied a leading place in Herkimer County Republican councils as well as in New York State as a whole. In 1924 Mr. Robinson was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy, succeeding to a position formerly occupied by his cousin, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Robinson was a member of a number of social and civic organizations. He belonged to the Knickerbocker Club, the Harvard Club, the University Club and the Racquet and Tennis Club, of New York City, where he was previously affiliated also with the Union League Club, the Republican Club, the Brook Club and the Down Town Association. In Utica he belonged to the Fort Schuyler Club, and in Albany to the Fort Orange Club. Other organizations with which he was at one time or another affiliated were the Meadow Brook Club, the Piping Rock Club, the National Golf Links of America, the Yahnundasis Golf Club of Utica and the Little Falls Country Club. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Though Mr. Robinson's official and business duties took him from time to time to many parts of the country, he retained always his deep interest in New York State and the Capital Region. While connected with the Navy Department in Washington from 1924 to 1929 he and his family kept their legal residence at "Henderson House," in Jordanville, Herkimer County, where Mrs. Robinson still makes her home.

Theodore Douglas Robinson married, June 18, 1904, Helen R. Roosevelt, of Hyde Park, New York, daughter of James Roosevelt Roosevelt and Helen (Astor) Roosevelt. She was born September 26, 1881. Theodore Douglas and Helen R. (Roosevelt) Robinson became the parents of the following children: 1. Douglas Robinson, born in 1905; he has four children, two sons and two daughters: Douglas, Nora, Theodore Douglas, and Lynn. 2. Helen Douglas Robinson, born in 1907, who became the wife of John A. Hinckley and the mother of their son, John Arthur. 3. Elizabeth Mary Douglas Robinson, born in 1909, became the wife of J. Blaise de Sibour and the mother of their two children, one son and one daughter: Elizabeth Mary and J. Blaise, Jr. 4. Alida Douglas Robinson, born in 1915, wife of Kenneth S. Walker and mother of their two children, one son and one daughter: Martha Douglas and Kenneth Stewart, Jr.

Theodore Douglas Robinson died April 10, 1934, and his passing removed from American life a true representative of the country's best citizenry. He was an individual capable of broad general consideration of the welfare of his fellow-citizens and his Nation, unselfish enough to be entrusted with high responsibilities, thoughtful enough to arrive at wise decisions, courageous enough to meet his responsibilities with strength of purpose and carry out his decisions with effective action. He will be remembered with warm feelings of friendship by many.

MORTIMER M. KASSELL—Since 1933, when he became an attorney in the State Department of Taxation and Finance, Mortimer M. Kassell has been active in the work of the department. He is now deputy commissioner, heading the law bureau, and counsel to the State Tax Commission. He is also counsel to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Kassell was born in New York City on December 18, 1904, son of Edward and Rose (Meyers) Kassell. His father, who is now deceased, was a merchant.

Mortimer M. Kassell was educated in the public schools of New York City and after his graduation from Stuyvesant High School, entered the College of the City of New York, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926. He studied law at Columbia Law School, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1929, and in the same year began the general practice of law in New York City. His appointment as associate attorney in the State Department of Taxation and Finance followed in 1933, and his record in the department has brought him successive promotions since that time. He became deputy commissioner and head of the law bureau in 1937, an appointment also carrying with it the responsibility of serving as counsel to the State Tax Commission.

Mr. Kassell is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the National Tax Association and the Federation of Tax Administrators, and is an advisor to the Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Coöperation. He is active on various tax committees and has written several articles on taxation. He is also a member of the Columbia University Alumni Association and of Temple Beth Emeth in Albany. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1929 and to the bar of the United States Supreme Court in 1937, and has appeared frequently before that court in tax cases. For several years during his residence in New York City he was a member of the faculty of the College of the City of New York. Mr. Kassell is a Democrat in politics. His hobbies are taxes and farming.

In June, 1926, at Syracuse, he married Marion I. Harris, who was born in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Kassell have one daughter, Nancy, born in Albany in October, 1936.

EDWARD ASHLEY—One of New York State's fruit farmers, who have contributed so richly to the food harvest of the East, Edward Ashley, of Kinderhook, is a respected and honored resident of his community.

Mr. Ashley was born in 1884 in North Chatham, New York, son of Jerman and Mary (Cooper) Ashley. His father was a farmer. His mother is living. His father is now deceased. Jerman and Mary (Cooper) Ashley were also the parents of the following children: Fannie, Carrie, Mamie, Emma, Irene, Grace, Eugene, Clara, and Burt Ashley. Burt Ashley is now deceased.

Schools of Old Chatham furnished Edward Ashley's early education, and he took up farming upon completing his formal schooling. Since that time he has been engaged in agricultural work of one sort or another. Formerly he operated a one hundred-acre farm in Old Chatham, but in 1938 he has been running a two hundred-acre property on the Albany Road, near Kinderhook, where he raises mostly fruit. He has also taken a lively interest in public affairs, though without the customary office-seeking and political activity. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1918, in Chatham, Mr. Ashley married Cora B. Cure. They have no children.

PHILIP STEVEN RICHARDSON—Successful in his work in the hardware and furniture business, Philip Steven Richardson occupies a position of high standing in Philmont's business community. He is associated with his uncle in the firm known as Richardson's Sons.

Mr. Richardson was born February 13, 1912, in Philmont, New York, son of Frank H. and Sarah E. (Van Tassel) Richardson, both of whom are now deceased His father was associated until his death with this sam business, which was established by the grandfather Steven W. Richardson, as a grocery and undertakin firm. Different members of the family have been asso ciated with the enterprise since that time, and in the course of the years and the changes that they have brought, the firm of Richardson's Sons is now operating as a hardware and furniture establishment. The history of this business dates back to 1880, and it is recognized as one of the oldest and soundest of its kind. Philip S. and William Richardson, as nephew and uncle, continue the business today, and are partners together on an equal basis.

In addition to his business activities, Philip S. Richardson is interested in a variety of civic and social activities in his community. He is a member of the Philmont Rod and Gun Club and of the Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs also to the Reformed Church. He is also distributor for Culver Aircraft Corporation for New York State.

HILAND G. BATCHELLER—Hiland G. Batcheller is a conspicuous example of men who entered business in comparatively recent times, when opportunities were alleged "not what they used to be," and who still made steady, measured progress, finally reaching the top in his particular unit of industry.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 5, 1885. He was the son of Hiland G. and Josephine Mary (Clements) Batcheller. His father, who died in 1887, was a lawyer, who at times represented the United States Government in important litigation and also large estates in New York. His mother was a daughter of George Clements, of Fort Edward, New York.

The son had private tutelage in his early youth, was educated later at Glens Falls Academy and finished his academic studies at Wesleyan University in 1907, with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He soon connected with the United States Steel Corporation at New York as salesman and continued in that capacity from 1908 to 1916, meantime acquiring such knowledge that in the latter year he entered the Ludlum Steel Company at Watervliet, New York, as assistant to the president. About a year later he was elected vice-president, and thirteen years afterward, that is, in 1930, he was chosen president. In 1938 the Ludlum Steel Company merged with the Allegheny Steel Company of Pittsburgh and the combination became the Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Corporation with Mr. Batcheller president.

He is also a director of the Wallingford Steel Company; director of the Forging and Casting Company of Detroit, Michigan; director of the Atlas Steel Company, Ltd., of Welland, Ontario, Canada; member of the American Iron and Steel Institute; director of the New York Telephone Company; and, as distinct from industry proper, is one of the directorate of the State Bank of Albany; a member of the Civilian Advisory Committee, Army-Navy Munitions Board at Washington; a trustee of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy and, student of world conditions, is a Fellow of the American Geographic Society and member of Newcomen Society of London.

His clubs are the Fort Orange of Albany; Schuyler Meadows Country Club of Albany; Bankers' Club of New York; Uptown Club of New York; Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh; Oakmont Country Club of Pittsburgh; Fox Chapel Country Club of Pittsburgh; Laurentian Club of Quebec, Canada. He is a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Hiland G. Batcheller married Jessie Jackson at Albany, New York, on April 5, 1913. Mrs. Batcheller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hervey Jackson and a grand-niece of President Chester A. Arthur. She is a member of the Garden Club of America and she and her husband have their residence at Menands in Albany County. Their children are: 1. Mary Arthur, who married John Quincy Adams Doolittle, of Utica, and they have two children, John Q. A., Jr., and Mary Arthur. 2. Elizabeth Batcheller, married in June, 1941, to Woods McCahill, of Cleveland. Like her sister, Mary Arthur, she graduated at St. Agnes School, Albany, and later at Westover. 3. Hiland G., student at Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut. 4. Jessie, now a student at St. Agnes.

LEO W. KAVENIUS—During the past fifteen years, Leo W. Kavenius was associated with the Middleville National Bank. Beginning in minor capacities, he had risen steadily in the organization and held a responsible part in its management as director and cashier.

Mr. Kavenius was born in Middleville on May 21, 1907, son of Karl and Edla (Huhtale) Kavenius. His father, a tanner, was born at Helsinki, Finland, on November 3, 1864, saw military service in his native land and afterward came to the United States. He now resides in Middleville. The mother, Edla (Huhtale) Kavenius, was also born in Finland, at Vaasa, on March 7, 1865.

Leo W. Kavenius was educated in the public schools of Middleville and after his graduation from high school in 1923, completed a two-year course at Middleville Business School in 1925. In the same year he entered the service of the Middleville National Bank, beginning as a clerk. In August, 1927, he was promoted to assistant cashier and in 1936, on the basis of his experience and record, he was designated to his present office as cashier. In January, 1939, he was also elected to the board of directors of the bank.

Mr. Kavenius, who was well known in banking and business circles of Herkimer County, was a member of the County Bankers' Association, and the American and

State Bankers Associations. In addition to his professional connections, he had served since 1927 as treasurer of the Middleville School Board, was a member of the Middleville Free Library Association and the A. W. Corey Hose Company of the Volunteer Fire Department and was otherwise active in the general life of his community. Fraternally he was affiliated with Newport Lodge, No. 455, Free and Accepted Masons, and was Past Master of his lodge. Mr. Kavenius was a Republican in politics and a member of the First Methodist Church of Middleville, which he served as trustee. His favorite hobby was coin collecting.

Leo W. Kavenius died March 24, 1941.

WILLIAM PALMATIER—In his active lifetime, William Palmatier was called to positions of large responsibility in the Catskill community and he met them with the quiet strength which was the expression of stalwart character and admirable abilities. A banker for over half a century, he headed both the Tanners National Bank of Catskill and the Catskill Savings Bank. As president of these institutions he fully maintained the fine traditions established by his distinguished predecessors and, like them, made his influence felt as a constructive force throughout the entire community.

Mr. Palmatier was a lifelong resident of Catskill. He was born in this village on August 18, 1858, son of Walter W. and Jane (Magilton) Palmatier, and after the completion of his general education, he studied law in the office of the Catskill law firm of King and Hallock. Upon his admission to the bar, he began practice, but soon relinquished his career in the legal profession to devote himself to banking. His knowledge of the law, however, was always useful to him as a banker and at the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Greene County bar.

On November 15, 1883, Mr. Palmatier entered the service of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill, then headed by S. Sherwood Day, son of Orrin Day, founder and first president of the institution. He was rapidly advanced to the position of assistant cashier on December 31, 1889, and on August 6, 1894, became cashier, in succession to Frederick Hill. Mr. Palmatier served as cashier for thirty-six years under the presidency of Orrin Day (*q. v.*), grandson of the founder of the bank. As such, he had the chief responsibility for the daily operations of the bank and sat in its councils of management, where his judgment was highly valued by his associates. On May 6, 1930, following the death of Mr. Day, he was elected to succeed him as president. Mr. Palmatier became the fourth president of the Tanners National Bank, which had then been in existence a full century, and the first executive head of the institution to be chosen outside the Day family. This distinction came to him not only as a result of his long service in the institution, but also as a mark of confidence in his conspicuous abilities, and his balanced judgment, which was tempered by long experience.

At this time, Mr. Palmatier had already demonstrated the quality of his leadership during three years of service as president of the Catskill Savings Bank, with which he had been associated almost as long as with the Tanners National Bank. Elected a trustee of the Catskill Savings Bank on February 4, 1889, he served on a number of its important committees and exercised an important influence in the selection of investments for the bank's funds and other major matters of policy. In 1921 he was elected second vice-president of the Catskill Savings Bank and in 1923 became first vice-president. On May 3, 1927, following the death of Jeremiah Day, he succeeded him as president and occupied this office until his death. His administration as president covered ten years, during which the assets of the bank increased by approximately $2,000,000, from $7,000,000 to $9,000,000.

Despite the stringency of the times, as a result of which many banks closed their doors during the depression years, the record of the Tanners National Bank under Mr. Palmatier's presidency showed the same upward trend. In 1933, on the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the Tanners National Bank, the occasion was signalized by suitable ceremonies and officers of the bank at that time paid the following tribute to their president:

> The Tanners Bank was organized on May 24, 1831, and on May 12, 1865, was reincorporated as the Tanners National Bank of Catskill. From its inception it has been the expression of strength, acumen and integrity. It was founded by a man of trust and worth who has been succeeded by others, all of whom directed the affairs of the institution with honor and merit.
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> For fifty years William Palmatier has been one of its active officers, striving to render an unexcelled service to its patrons and building up confidence which has become an enduring part of the institution itself.
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> He has been a counselor and adviser to thousands of persons who have come to rely upon his judgment and found in him a willing and sympathetic friend. Courtesy is one of his predominating characteristics and this, with his willingness to serve to the utmost of his ability, not only the patrons of the bank, but his fellowmen and the community, has won for him a host of friends, all of whom sincerely hope that he may be spared many years to "the old Tanners," with which his name is almost synonymous, and to the public at large, which has long since recognized the atmosphere of integrity and kindliness when in his presence.

In honoring its president, the Tanners National Bank also paid tribute to a community figure, emphasizing the qualities which won him that position. In a quiet way, Mr. Palmatier exerted his influence in many phases of Catskill's life and extended its scope through the innumer-

William Palmatier

able personal contacts, in which his gift for friendship was most apparent. Although he had no other business interests except his connection with the Tanners National Bank and the Catskill Savings Bank, he was president at the time of his death of the Jefferson Rural Cemetery Association, in which he had been active for more than thirty years, and gave much time to the development of the Jefferson Heights Cemetery. He was a member of the Rip Van Winkle Club, the old Catskill Gun Club and for some time was president of the Greene County Fish and Game Club, in which he was always prominent. These associations reflected his love of outdoor life. A thorough sportsman, he found his principal recreation in hiking, fishing and hunting and knew as well as any man in the Catskills the mountain countryside and the favorite haunts of fish and game. In religious faith, Mr. Palmatier was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church and for many years was one of the most generous supporters of the First Reformed Church at Catskill. Faithful in the outward observances of the Christian faith, as in its inner spirit, he served at various times on the Consistory of his own church and as a member of the Great Consistory.

Mr. Palmatier married Keturah L. Cooke, who survived him, with one son, William A. C. Palmatier. William A. C. Palmatier attended the Catskill public schools and graduated from Rutgers College in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Literature. He then attended Columbia Law School for one year, and after that returned to Catskill and has since been connected with the Tanners National Bank. On April 30, 1927, he married Gertrude Kortz, a daughter of Frank and Maude (Millington) Kortz. They are the parents of one daughter, Jane Kortz Palmatier, born March 4, 1930.

Mrs. Palmatier passed away May 31, 1939.

William Palmatier died at Catskill on March 5, 1937, in his eightieth year, after a long and useful career. Admired for his attainments as a banker, he was also admired for his example as a community leader and for the personal qualities which won him a secure place in the affections of those who knew him. At his death, the "Catskill Daily Mail" wrote of him:

> One of Mr. Palmatier's outstanding characteristics was indeed his unfailing courtesy to all with whom he came in contact. Always the gentleman, genial, warm-hearted, sympathetic and unassuming, he was universally beloved and respected and his death is deeply regretted by the entire community.
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> Not only was Mr. Palmatier an efficient banker, but he was a man of unusual ability, whose advice was often sought in community affairs. He was public-spirited and progressive, but withal careful and conservative, and always gave thoughtful and conscientious consideration to any subject before arriving at a decision.
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> Mr. Palmatier was of a generous nature and gave willingly and freely to any worthy cause. During his long life he performed countless acts of kindness known only to himself and his beneficiaries. No man ever departed this life leaving behind a cleaner, more unblemished record than his, a record of an upright, well spent life, irreproachable character and of kindly deeds which will continue to shed their radiance in the years to come, an enduring monument to his memory.

CLIFFORD LUDLOW MILLER—Although his varied business career has brought him interests far afield, Clifford Ludlow Miller retained possession of the home of Allen S. Miller, his uncle, at Claverack, Columbia County, and has made it his own home for more than thirty years. He is an influential figure in the life of the county and is widely known for his local farming interests and his activity in the realm of public affairs.

Mr. Miller was born at Claverack on October 15, 1868, son of Jacob F. and Laura Augusta (Chase) Miller. His present home and farm lands were a part of the original Claverack Manor belonging to the Van Rensselaer family. His father, who was born on Livingston Line, Claverack, and died in 1910, was a prominent lawyer in New York City for many years. He was a member of the Medical Legal Society of New York and other professional organizations and acted as attorney in their interests.

Clifford Ludlow Miller received his preliminary education in the public schools of New York City, following which he entered the College of the City of New York, where he was a member of the class of 1889. In 1886, however, because of imperfect vision he was obliged to discontinue his studies and went to Nebraska and Wyoming to enter into the cattle business. His time was spent working with the surveyors in Omaha and afterwards in laying out property for oil wells, in Wyoming. The rest of his time was spent with the Big Horn Cattle Company in Northern Wyoming. Returning to New York in 1890, he entered the building material business in New York City under his own name, establishing an enterprise which he operated successfully until 1920. Meanwhile, in 1909 he purchased, from the family, the Allen S. Miller farm which was gradually added to until it comprised about 540 acres planted to apples and some cherries. In the same year he established the lime manufacturing plant in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, of which he has been the sole owner during the intervening years.

When the Tuberculosis Hospital for Columbia County was built, at Philmont, New York, he became the chairman of the first board and continued so until he resigned after ten years service. He has continued to maintain his home at Claverack. Mr. Miller is also past director of the Farmers' National Bank, on whose board he served for ten years. He was chairman of the New York State Bridge Authority while the Rip Van Winkle bridge was being erected across the Hudson River at Catskill. He was a member of the New York Club, second oldest club in the city of New York, where he lived before he was married.

A Democrat in politics, he has long been influential in his party and for several years was Democratic committeeman from Columbia County. In 1932 he was candidate of his party for Congressman in his present district, meeting defeat in strongly Republican territory by about six thousand votes. Valuing the traditions of the past, he has also been profoundly interested in the future of Claverack and the county at large and has given effective support to many useful civic causes. Mr. Miller attended the Lutheran Church and his wife is a member of the First Dutch Reformed Church of Claverack.

He was married, at Philmont, in 1917, to Laura Mary Harder, daughter of Frank Bradley Harder, a manufacturer owning cotton mills at Philmont, and Fannie (Harder) Harder and a descendant of old and notable families represented in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Miller has served for twelve years as chairman of the Claverack School Board. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of five children: 1. Clifford Ludlow, Jr., born November 28, 1917, in New York City. He is a graduate of Westminster School, Simsbury, Connecticut, and of Colgate University in the class of 1940 and is now in the United States Army at Fort Benny, Georgia. 2. Laura Frances, born June 14, 1919, a graduate of Emma Willard School at Troy and attended Erskine Junior College, Boston, Massachusetts. She married Richard Oakley Kennedy and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. 3. Allen Chase, born May 6, 1921, attended Colgate University; is now a cadet in the Air Corps and stationed at Dothan Field, Dothan, Alabama. 4. Marcia Alger, born April 12, 1923, a high school student attending the University of Vermont at Burlington. 5. Caroline Austin, born November 21, 1925, attending high school at Hudson, New York.

WILLIAM ARNOLDY—For many years active in the business life of Albany, William Arnoldy served the Socony Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., as sales manager.

Mr. Arnoldy was born March 25, 1887, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, son of Henrie and Lena (Doller) Arnoldy, both natives of Alsace-Lorraine and both now deceased. The father, born in the Saar Union, came early in his career to the United States, here establishing himself as a hotel proprietor at Norristown, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the Franco-Prussian War, in which he served in the French Army. The mother, Mrs. Lena (Doller) Arnoldy, was born near Metz, then in Alsace-Lorraine.

Norristown public schools furnished William Arnoldy's early formal education, and later he attended the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in 1906 from the Peirce Business College, in Philadelphia. As early as 1903 he was employed by the Atlantic Refining Company in Philadelphia. Continuing there until 1912 as a clerk with that organization, he settled in Albany in January of that year and associated himself with the Standard Oil Company of New York. At the beginning he became marketing clerk. He has much to do with the company's marketing of gasoline, naphtha and fuel oils. Mr. Arnoldy's offices were at the headquarters of the Socony Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., in the Standard Building, No. 112 State Street, Albany. He retired December 31, 1941. In January, 1942, he was appointed to service under the office of Production Management.

During the World War he was active in the gasoline and motor oil transportation service with the army. He was elected president of the Albany Rotary Club in 1939. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Wadsworth Lodge, No. 417, Capital City Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, different Scottish Rite bodies (in which he attained to the thirty-second degree), Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Royal Order of Jesters. He is also active in the Masonic Veterans' Association, the Normanside Country Club and the Aurania Club, and is a past president of the Albany Club. Golf and fishing are among his favorite recreations. He belongs to Westminster Presbyterian Church, and is now a trustee. He is a director of the Albany Auto Club and is lieutenant-governor of the 174th District of the Rotary Club, covering the capital area, as well as being a director of the Albany Rotary Club, and is a member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the executive board and a trustee of the Boy Scouts of America, Fort Orange Council.

In Chester, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1911, William Arnoldy married Blanche Irene Kaufman, a native of Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, daughter of George Kaufman, also a native Pennsylvanian. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charlotte Kaufman Arnoldy, born April 23, 1914, in East Greenbush, New York, married, July 27, 1935, to Hugo Nanton Romney, a native of New Jersey, and the mother of their son, Hugh Nanton Romney, who was born May 15, 1936, in Albany. 2. William Arnoldy, Jr., born December 5, 1915, in Albany, New York, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in June, 1939, as a Bachelor of Arts, attended Albany Law School, and is second lieutenant of the Reserve Officers, receiving his commission upon graduation at the University of Pennsylvania. He has had training at Fort Meade, Maryland, and Fort Dix, New Jersey. He is now awaiting his call for active service.

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J. VICTOR SKIFF—For a number of years J. Victor Skiff has performed a valuable work in the Conservation Department of the New York State Government, now holding the office of superintendent of inland fisheries and making his headquarters in Albany.

Mr. Skiff was born of New York State parents, John M. and Winifred (Hughes) Skiff. His father, a native of Hume, New York, now deceased, was for years a newspaper editor, independent in politics, and served as village clerk of Gainesville, this State.

J. Victor Skiff was graduated in 1925 from Starkey Seminary, and in 1929 took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. For three and one-half years, between 1929 and 1932, he taught general science. Then, in 1933 he entered the employ of the New York State Conservation Department, serving until 1936 as game research investigator. In 1937 and 1938 he served as assistant superintendent of game. Then he accepted his present appointment as superintendent of inland fisheries, in which office he has served his fellow-citizens effectively and well. He has his headquarters in the Broadway Arcade Building, Albany. Taking an active part in the affairs of New York State's capital city, Mr. Skiff is a member of many organizations, among them the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Rochester, New York, in September, 1927, J. Victor Skiff married Kathryn Sweeney, born in Victor, New York, daughter of Franklin and Susan (Hull) Sweeney, the former of whom is now deceased. Mrs. Skiff's mother was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada. The Skiffs became the parents of one son, John Victor Skiff, who was born April 21, 1928, in Rochester, New York.

In 1940, 1941 and 1942 he was designated by Commissioner Osborne to serve in a liaison capacity between the Division of Fish and Game and the Legislature in regard to fish and game legislation; and in 1941 he was designated as one of three New York State commissioners representing New York on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact Commission (non-salaried). He was also designated in 1941 to represent the Conservation Department as a New York-Rhode Island Boundary Commissioner (one of three such commissioners from New York non-salaried).

FRED C. SABIN, M. D.—As a practicing physician at Little Falls during the past two decades, Dr. Fred C. Sabin has become a widely known professional figure. He carries on an extensive practice, serves as county coroner and has many other connections in the life of his city.

Dr. Sabin was born at East Syracuse on October 12, 1893, son of Peden J. and Nellie (Lamson) Sabin. His father, a railroad man, was born at Turin, in Lewis County, and was associated with the New York Central Railroad until his death in September, 1911. His mother, who was born at Lamson, New York, died in June, 1906.

Fred C. Sabin was educated in the public schools of East Syracuse. After his graduation from high school in 1913, he studied for two years at Mount Saint Joseph College in Baltimore, and afterward prepared for his profession at the University of Maryland, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1921. During the following year he served as interne at Faxton Hospital in Utica and in 1922 established the general practice at Little Falls, which he has since continued. As a leading physician of the city, Dr. Sabin's professional responsibilities are numerous. He is a member of the staff of Little Falls Hospital, in addition to the duties of his own practice, and is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Herkimer County Medical Society, of which he is past president and present secretary. Dr. Sabin is also president of the Fifth District Branch of the State Medical Society. Since 1934 he has served as coroner of Herkimer County and is now completing his third three-year term, having been reëlected in 1940. By virtue of this office he has become a member of the National Association of Coroners.

During the World War, Dr. Sabin served in the Naval Reserve, and since he came to Little Falls he has been a member of Little Falls Post, No. 31, American Legion, of which he is Past Commander. He is also affiliated with Little Falls Lodge, No. 181, Free and Accepted Masons, and various higher Masonic bodies, including Astorogam Royal Arch Chapter, Little Falls Commandery of the Knights Templar and Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Utica. In addition to these connections, Dr. Sabin is a member of the Little Falls Civic Club and has lent effective support to the principal civic movements of his community. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Farming is his favorite recreation and for some years his small farm near Little Falls has been his hobby.

In 1923 Dr. Sabin married (first) Esther Chapman, of East Syracuse, who died in May, 1936. They became the parents of three children: Frederick Chapman, born May 6, 1924; and Robert and Marion, twins, born September 24, 1930. In May, 1937, Dr. Sabin married (second) Gertrude Moynihan, of Little Falls, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Moynihan.

WILLIAM H. McLAUGHLIN—More than half a century ago, William H. McLaughlin, now postmaster of Little Falls, began the career which has made him a prominent figure in the life of Herkimer County. He has been active in many business connections, has long been a leader in Democratic politics and has served in his present office under Federal appointment since 1935.

Mr. McLaughlin was born on the old Ford farm in the town of Fairfield, Herkimer County, on June 14, 1868, son of Andrew and Mary (O'Donnell) McLaughlin. His father, a carpenter by trade, was born at St. John's, New Brunswick, in August, 1846, and died on March 14, 1881. The mother, Mary (O'Donnell) McLaughlin, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1852 and died in 1923.

William H. McLaughlin received a public school education in the township schools, supplemented by further study in night school at Little Falls. As a boy he worked at various jobs, clerking in a general store, serving in minor positions in the Little Falls knitting mills and eventually entering a machine shop, where he learned the machinist's trade. This trade he followed for fourteen years. Incidentally, from June, 1888, to September 15, 1890, he was a clerk in the Little Falls Post Office, which he now heads. He began his career in politics at about the same time. Since his twentieth year, Mr. McLaughlin has been active in local councils of the Democratic party. Rising rapidly in the organization, he established his reputation as an astute political leader and for seventeen years served as Democratic County Committeeman. On three different occasions he has also been a delegate to Democratic State conventions and in 1920 was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention held at San Francisco.

During these years, Mr. McLaughlin continued his activities in business life. After giving up his work as a machinist, he served as manager of various hotels in Herkimer County for about a decade, and subsequently purchased the Metropolitan Hotel in Little Falls, which he owned and operated for eleven years. His present service as postmaster of Little Falls dates from June 4, 1935, when he was appointed to this office by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for a four-year term. On August 3, 1939, he was reappointed and has since remained in charge of the city's postal service, bringing to his duties the qualifications gained from his long business experience and his wide knowledge of Little Falls and adjacent areas.

Mr. McLaughlin is a leading Catholic layman of the city and for twenty-five years served as a trustee of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and is an honorary life member of Little Falls Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Through the years he has taken an active interest in the civic progress of his community and by his influence and support has contributed to the success of many useful community causes.

On September 17, 1890, William H. McLaughlin married Mary Kane, of Little Falls, daughter of Michael and Mary (Purtle) Kane.

HOWARD C. MURRAY, M. D.—After thirty years spent in the practice of medicine at Herkimer, Dr. Howard C. Murray is widely known as one of the county's leading physicians. His professional connections and responsibilities are broad, and his position in the general life of Herkimer is an influential one.

Dr. Murray was born here on July 14, 1887, son of Thomas C. and Tillie G. (Gloo) Murray. His father, who was born in Herkimer on October 10, 1853, and died on July 31, 1912, was a newspaper editor, associated with Charles M. Redfield, of Malone, New York, and Edward P. Small and John L. Getman, of Herkimer, New York, in the management of the "Herkimer Evening Telegram" in 1898. The mother, who was also born in Herkimer on February 11, 1859, died on June 23, 1933. She was active in village affairs and held the presidency of the Herkimer Home Aid Society, an organization devoted to village welfare, for several years.

Howard C. Murray received his preliminary education in the Herkimer public schools and after finishing high school in 1906, entered Albany Medical College. At this institution he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1910. Meanwhile, in 1909, he had served as interne at St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers, for three months and in 1910-11 spent a year as interne and resident at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady. At the end of that time he began the general practice of his profession in Herkimer and has since continued it without interruption, except for service in the Medical Corps of the United States Army during the World War. Dr. Murray's offices are located in the Murray Block, the same building where he first established them in 1911. The numerous positions of responsibility and honor to which he has been called during the course of his career reflect his professional stature.

Dr. Murray is past president of the Herkimer County Medical Society and is now president of the Herkimer Academy of Medicine. For nine years, from 1925 to 1934, he served as medical inspector of the public schools of the city of Herkimer. He is chief of staff of Herkimer Memorial Hospital, an office to which he was elected in 1940, and has long been active professionally in this institution. Dr. Murray is also a member of the American Medical Association and the New York State Medical Society. During the World War he volunteered his services and in May, 1917, was commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps. After serving at the Base Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio, he was appointed to command the Base Hospital Annex there and acted in this capacity during a part of the year 1918. Dr. Murray was also a member of the Tuberculosis Examining Board at Camp Sherman and completed a special course in tuberculosis and chest diseases at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He subsequently was assigned to duty as medical officer with the Regimental Medical Detachment of the 323d Infantry, 83d Division, and with the 365th Heavy Field Artillery of the 83d Division. Later he was assigned to duty as first lieutenant of the 365th Field Hospital Corps of the 95th Division. He received his discharge from the service in December, 1918, and returned to his Herkimer practice.

Since the war, he has been a member of Herkimer Post, No. 38, of the American Legion. Dr. Murray is a Mason, holding membership in Herkimer Lodge, No. 423, Free and Accepted Masons, also a member of the East Herkimer Fish and Game Club and the Herkimer Service Club. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Episcopal Church. Art and painting has been one of his principal leisure interests, along with saddle horses and riding, hunting, fishing and breeding bird dogs. He holds membership in the Green Mountain Horse Association of Rutland, Vermont, and other organizations interested in Morgan and saddlebred horses.

On June 15, 1915, Dr. Murray married Margaret Elizabeth Grosvenor, of Herkimer, daughter of Thomas W. and Carrie (Batchelder) Grosvenor and a descendant both paternally and maternally of early settlers in this part of the State. Among her ancestors was Dr. William Petrie, whose part in the battle of Oriskany during the Revolutionary War is well known. Mrs. Murray is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is past president of General Nicholas Herkimer Chapter in the society. Dr. and Mrs. Murray have two sons: Howard C., Jr., born March 16, 1916, graduated from Syracuse University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1938; and Grosvenor, born January 7, 1921, a graduate of Utica School of Commerce and now a student in aeronautical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

Dr. Murray was commissioned by the President in 1941 as examining physician on Selective Service Local Board No. 408, Herkimer, New York, for the examination of selectees for the army, and is acting in that capacity at present.

BERNE A. PYRKE—For some forty-five years, Berne A. Pyrke, of Crown Point and Albany, has been a member of the New York bar. In addition to the private practice of his profession, which he conducted during a quarter of a century, he has a long record of public service and has been active in various business and financial connections.

Mr. Pyrke was born in Albany on March 26, 1875, a son of Henry Watts Pyrke, who was a retail merchant in this city, and Frances E. (Higbie) Pyrke. He is a member of one of New York's oldest families, tracing his ancestry to Joris de Rapalje and Caterina Tricot, his wife, who were at Fort Orange (Albany) in 1624 and were one of the eighteen families, mostly Walloons, who were the first permanent settlers in New Netherland. The Walloons were the first farmer element in what is now the State of New York.

Berne A. Pyrke received his general education in the public schools of Albany, prepared for the profession of law privately and upon his admission to the bar, practiced at Port Henry from July 1, 1896, to July 1, 1921. During this period he firmly established his professional reputation. Meanwhile, from January 1, 1912, to June 30, 1921, he served as county judge and surrogate of Essex County. On July 1, 1921, Mr. Pyrke took over new responsibilities as New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, an important State office which he filled until June 30, 1932. On January 22, 1934, he was appointed economic adviser to the Sheffield Farms Company of New York City and continued as such until May 31, 1939, when he resigned to give his whole time to his private affairs. Since then he has been engaged in investment management, historical and genealogical pursuits.

Mr. Pyrke, one of the State's foremost authorities on farm and marketing problems, is also past president of the Citizens National Bank of Port Henry. He is vice-president of the New York State Agricultural Society, a member of the Grange, the Patrons of Husbandry, and in addition to these connections is a trustee of the New York State Historical Association, a member of the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, the American Institute of Genealogy and the Torch Club of Albany, which is affiliated with the International Association of Torch Clubs. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith. Mr. Pyrke maintains his legal residence at Crown Point, in Essex County, and his winter residence in Albany.

On October 10, 1905, at Port Henry, he married Helen M. Allen, daughter of James H. and Mary Evelyn (Pollard) Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Pyrke are the parents of two children: Allen W., born June 6, 1907; and Marjorie Douglass, born June 21, 1911.

JOHN M. HOPKINS—To the unsophisticated city man, as he sees them dot the landscape like "the round towers of other days," silos are much alike and even to the experienced farmer the difference in silos is not always sufficiently clear. For example, a New York State farmer had carpenters build him a silo under instructions "not to spare one cent but to build the best." The cost was over $300. Needing another silo he was induced to put up a Unadilla and after due time found out, to use his own words, "that the same variety of corn cut at the same time, and put up by the same process," came out of the later silo "worth to me in the production of milk at least twenty-five per cent. more than that taken from my home-made silo."

This matter of the method of packing green fodder to convert into ensilage is highly scientific and has attained approximately to perfection at the plant at Unadilla, managed by John M. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins was born at Rupert, Bennington County, Vermont, on January 10, 1875, son of Albert and Eliza (Gookins) Hopkins; both parents are deceased. Albert Hopkins was a farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. Born in Washington County, this State, he enlisted on August 15, 1862, in the 123d New York State Volunteers and served as a corporal in Company H. In the Army of the Potomac he fought at Chancellorsville and at Gettysburg, then was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland. He was in the March to the Sea and the Campaign of the Carolinas and was in action in at least sixteen hot engagements.

John M. Hopkins, as a youth, worked on his father's farm and his contact with the soil gave him practical knowledge of its allurements and hardships that served him well in later years. He had the benefits of a common school education and a course at Troy Business College, and in 1911 he became a traveling salesman for the Unadilla Silo Company. He was no roll-top desk farmer telling farmers how to farm; he had wide knowledge of actual agricultural conditions and this, together with ceaseless energy and solid business sense, made him invaluable and C. C. Moore being president, Mr. Hopkins was made vice-president and treasurer. He is now vice-president and manager, F. J. Van Cott being president, and the company has widened the scope of its products, including upright water storage tanks; round pockets for economic and compact storage of coal and other commodities; round tubs for watering live stock; rectangular milk cooling vats; cornerless poultry houses; wood blocks for stable and other flooring; a complete line of garden furniture, wooden cow stanchions and retractable cow partitions. For its silos it has a slogan: "Keep silage prime, regardless of clime," and only a farmer knows the full significance of that proposition. But the silo is windproofed by dowelling; it is held securely to foundations by an adequate number of base, eliminating top, anchors; the most suitable woods are used in every part; doors are continuous from top to bottom and door frames are adjustable, while doors have a quick acting fastener and are air-tight and non-sticking. There is accurate milling of all parts of the silo, heavy galvanized steel splines, extra heavy rolled thread hoops, extra strong lugs, prefabricated roofs and certified malleable, not cast iron, is used. Thus the most meticulous attention has been devoted to every detail and the silo has won its way over the farms of the country, especially in the East and still more particularly in the Central States and in New England, thus giving employment to a considerable force at the plant and on the road, the salesmen.

John M. Hopkins, besides his relation to this company, in his civic relations has served two terms as town supervisor and has been a member of the village board and the school board. In religion a Baptist, he is fraternally of Freedom Lodge, No. 324, Free and Accepted Masons; Unadilla Chapter, No. 178, Royal Arch Masons; Norwich Commandery, No. 46, Knights Templar. He is also a member of William J. Fuller Post, No. 52, Department of Vermont, Grand Army of the Republic.

On January 2, 1899, at West Rupert, Vermont, John M. Hopkins married Anna J. Moore, daughter of J. M. Moore and Sarah (Ayres) Moore; both her parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have a daughter, Marjorie Moore, wife of Leon Van Cott, of Unadilla, and is the mother of four children: John Franklin, Margelia Ann, Nancy Jean, and Carolyn Sue.

EDWARD E. RANKIN—As a practicing lawyer in Albany, Edward E. Rankin represents the second generation of his family to be active at the bar in this city. He began his professional career more than a quarter of a century ago and in addition to the responsibilities of his practice is now president of the Albany Title Company.

Mr. Rankin was born in Albany on June 16, 1885, son of Edward W. and Catharine Bogart (Putman) Rankin and a grandson of the Rev. Edward E. and Emily (Watkinson) Rankin. His father, who was born in New York City on August 12, 1850, and was graduated from Princeton University and Union Department of Law, began the practice of his profession in Albany in 1876 and for more than half a century was a distinguished member of the Albany bar. He was also president of the Albany Title Company; a trustee of the Albany County Savings Bank and the Albany Insurance Company; and a trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 1927-28, he was president of the Albany Bar Association. He married, on June 3, 1884, Catharine Bogart Putman and they be-

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came the parents of three children: Edward E., of this record; Emily W., born in 1889; and Herbert E., born April 15, 1887, died October 10, 1918, while serving as captain in the American Expeditionary Forces during the World War.

Edward E. Rankin was educated at Albany Academy, where he completed the course in 1904, and at Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1909. Afterward he studied at Harvard Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1913, and since his admission to the bar has practiced in Albany. He has a long and successful professional record and important interests in other fields. His connection with the Albany Title Company dates back to 1928, when he became vice-president. Subsequently, he succeeded his father as president and has served in this office since 1932.

Mr. Rankin is also a director of the Albany Title Company and of the Permanent Savings & Loan Association. He is a member of the Albany County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and American Bar Association; the Fort Orange Club and the University Club of Albany. Mr. Rankin is a member of the Reformed Dutch Church. He is unmarried.

EDWARD D. O'NEIL—Since 1930, Edward D. O'Neil has served as city treasurer of Johnstown. His long business career and extended public service have made him widely known, not only in Johnstown, but throughout the Fulton County area.

Mr. O'Neil was born in Johnstown on November 7, 1867, son of John P. and Katherine (Prendergast) O'Neil. His father, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1842, came to the United States as a small boy in 1847, and later settled in Johnstown, where he was engaged in business as a merchant for many years. He became an influential figure in the general life of the city, and on several occasions served in public office, notably as alderman and commissioner of charities. He died in 1920. His wife, who was also a native of Ireland, born in County Wexford, came to the United States at the age of seven years and spent the remainder of her life in Johnstown.

Edward D. O'Neil was educated in the public schools of Johnstown and after leaving high school, joined his father in the operation of the retail and wholesale meat market long owned by the family. He was engaged in his business for thirty-two years, succeeding his father as owner in 1915. In 1917, however, he sold the business and accepted an appointment as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue under the Hon. Cyrus Durey, of Green Lake. This office he filled for nine years, making his headquarters in Albany. Meanwhile, in the early years of the century, he also held office under the Johnstown city government, serving as alderman in 1900-01 and 1903-04. In 1920 he was designated as a member of the Johnstown water board and continued as such until 1926. In 1930, when he became a candidate for city treasurer, Mr. O'Neil was able to offer in qualification not only a thorough knowledge of Johnstown's needs and problems but also his record as a public official covering many years of experience. Successful in urging his candidacy, he took office on February 1, 1930, and has since served without interruption in one of the most responsible posts in the city government. During this period he has administered his duties with acknowledged efficiency and fidelity.

Mr. O'Neil is a Republican in politics and is influential in his party. He is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Columbus at Johnstown and is a member of the local Rotary Club. He is also a prominent Catholic layman, president of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish and one of the trustees of St. Patrick's Church during the past thirty years. Among his hobbies, the study of local history takes a high place. This interest is reflected in his book, "Historical Events of the City of Johnstown," which he wrote and published several years ago.

On October 9, 1913, Edward D. O'Neil married Katherine E. Timmons, of Johnstown, daughter of Michael and Mary (Kirby) Timmons. Mrs. O'Neil has been a member of the choir of St. Patrick's Church for many years.

REON LEE BOWEN—In 1921, after extended professional experience in other sections of the State, Reon Lee Bowen established architectural offices in Schenectady. He has since had an active rôle in the physical development of the Schenectady area through his wide and varied architectural practice.

Mr. Bowen was born at Rutherford, New Jersey, on December 3, 1887, son of James B. and Eftufania (Woodroffe) Bowen, the mother born in New York City, and the father a native of Baltimore, Maryland. He spent his boyhood in Poughkeepsie, New York, and there attended the public schools, subsequently entering Columbia University, where he obtained his degree in architecture after completing a special course. These studies were supplemented by others at the Ecolé de Beaux Arts in Paris. During the early years of his professional career, Mr. Bowen practiced in New York City and Poughkeepsie. The years 1913-14 found him in Syracuse, where he served during that period as city architect, after which he returned to New York City. When the United States was drawn into the World War, he relinquished his practice to enlist in the National Army and was assigned to the 302d Engineers, 77th Division, with which he served overseas for two and a half years as master engineer. At Chateau Thierry he was gassed in action.

After the war Mr. Bowen settled in Schenectady, where he has practiced since 1921. As an architect of established reputation and successful record, he has been closely identified with the development of homes and public buildings, schools and parks throughout this section. He designed Schonowee Village, the Federal Housing Project in Schenectady, and was architect for Stonehenge, a multiple housing project in Albany. For seven years he was city architect of the city of Schenectady, holding this office under five municipal administrations. In his private practice, which he conducts under his own name, with offices at No. 207 State Street, he has been commissioned to execute designs for many important structures, as well as a large number of more modest buildings for both residential and commercial use.

Mr. Bowen is a member of the New York State Association of Architects. In addition to his professional connections, he is a member of American Legion Post, No. 302, in New York City, and has been active in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 266, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Chapter and Council in Schenectady; the Commandery of the Knights Templar at Yonkers; and Cyrpus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Albany. He is also a member of the Schenectady Lodge of Elks, No. 480. Mr. Bowen is a Republican in politics and a member of St. George's Episcopal Church in this city.

He married (first) Maud E. Meyer, of Larchmont, New York, and they became the parents of two daughters, Elizabeth Lee and Nancy Lee. In 1928 Mr. Bowen married (second) Marian Kazyaka, of Schenectady. There is one son of this marriage, Reon Lee, Jr.

MAURICE HARMON KARKER—Although his active life has taken him far afield, Maurice Harmon Karker is a native of Schoharie County and at present a Cobleskill resident. For almost twenty years he served as a naval officer, rising to the grade of commander, and at the age of thirty-seven embarked upon a successful business career with the Jewel Tea Company, Inc., which brought him in little more than a year to the presidency of the company. This office he still holds.

Mr. Karker was born at Hyndsville, July 7, 1886, son of Frank A. and Melissa (Stevens) Karker. His father was a farmer. After receiving his general education in the district public school and at Cobleskill High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy in December, 1905, being then nineteen years old. Before he came of age, he had earned a commission and had to wait until his twenty-first birthday to receive it. Subsequently he rose through all grades to commander. Mr. Karker accompanied the United States fleet around the world in 1908-1909 on the U. S. S. "Culgoa." He acted as assistant general storekeeper and accounting officer at the Naval Station, Cavite, Philippine Islands, and was later acting general storekeeper at Brest, France, during the first World War, when his work was highly commended by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. For his war-time service he received three citations, one for the Legion of Honor of France and two for the Distinguished Service Medal of the United States.

Following the war, Commander Karker was assigned as officer-in-charge of the Naval Provisions and Clothing Depot in New York, continuing on duty there until January, 1923, when he resigned from the service. At that time he joined the Jewel Tea Company, Inc., and on March 20, 1923, three months later, was elected vice-president of the company. On July 1, 1924, at the age of thirty-eight, he assumed the presidency of the organization, which has since been under his active direction as executive head. Mr. Karker is also a director of the Jewel Tea Company. He is a director of the National Coffee Association; vice-president of the Economic Club of Chicago, in which area his business activities center; and a member of the Union League Club of Chicago, the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Country Club of Washington, District of Columbia, the Skokie Country Club, Barrington Hills Country Club, Cobleskill Golf and Country Club, the Shedd Aquarium Society of Chicago and the Navy Council of Illinois. Mr. Karker is also a member of Glencoe Union Church, at Glencoe, Illinois. His favorite recreation is golf.

On July 19, 1907, at Cobleskill, New York, he married Frances Orr, daughter of Henry L. and Jane (Chickering) Orr. Mr. and Mrs. Karker have two daughters: Kathleen, born November 5, 1909, married Clayton N. Watkins; and Mary MacLaury, born June 6, 1911, married Paul B. Boyd.

FRANK M. SIMPSON—During the years that Frank M. Simpson has been associated with the business, civic and fraternal circles of Little Falls, New York, he has won a reputation for abilities, progressive outlook and exemplary citizenship. He is a native of Little Falls, the son of George M. and Emily (Mitchell) Simpson.

After preparing for higher education in local schools and an academy, Frank M. Simpson entered Syracuse University, from which he was graduated in 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For the following three years he was a salesman for the Monitor Stove & Range Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Since 1912 he has

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been the secretary and treasurer of the Little Falls Felt Shoe Company, and is also a director of the Herkimer Trust Company, of Little Falls.

In community affairs Mr. Simpson served on the board of education from 1917 to 1923. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, a member of the various bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His college Greek letter fraternity is Phi Delta Theta. He attends the Presbyterian Church, of which he is president of the board of trustees.

On June 18, 1912, at Little Falls, New York, Frank M. Simpson married Edith May Stacey, daughter of Irving and Anna (Loucks) Stacey. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are the parents of the following children: 1. Irving Stacey Simpson, born June 6, 1913. 2. Frank M. Simpson, Jr., born February 2, 1915. 3. Samuel M. Simpson, born January 7, 1917, who married Marjorie Soons, and they have a son, Peter Simpson. 4. Ellen Simpson, born January 13, 1919. 5. Anne Simpson, born May 14, 1920. 6. Norman L. Simpson, born July 24, 1921. 7. Robert M. Simpson, born May 18, 1922.

IRVING STACEY SIMPSON—Taking an important rôle in the life of Little Falls, Irving Stacey Simpson is vice-president of the Little Falls Felt Shoe Company.

Mr. Simpson was born June 6, 1913, in Little Falls, son of Frank Mitchell and Edith May (Stacey) Simpson. His father was secretary-treasurer of the Little Falls Felt Shoe Company at an early period in his business career, and still continues in this position at the time of writing.

Completing his public school studies with graduation from Little Falls High School in 1931, Irving Stacey Simpson became a student at Williams College. When the time came for him to enter the business world, he was employed by the Little Falls Felt Shoe Company and became assistant treasurer, and later, in 1938, became vice-president of this organization, with which his father was associated. Serving in this capacity today, he is also active in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Irving Stacey Simpson married, October 17, 1936, at Essex Fells, New Jersey, Janet King Stacey, daughter of Alfred Edwin Stacey, Jr., and Hazel (King) Stacey. The children of this marriage were: 1. Barbara Stacey Simpson, born November 1, 1937. 2. John Markell Simpson, born February 20, 1940.

CHARLES HENRY VAN AUKEN—It is somehow fitting that at Thendara, New York, a name identified with the Five Nations of the Iroquois before the white men settled this section of what is now upper Herkimer County, there should come to this place two persons of European ancestry, although of American birth, who for a third of a century have been the representatives of public hospitality. These two are Charles Henry Van Auken and his wife, Cecile.

Mr. Van Auken was born at Stony Creek, Warren County, New York, May 29, 1866, son of Mathew and Martha (Cameron) Van Auken, both natives of Warren County. On the paternal side the ancestry was Holland Dutch; on the maternal side, Scotch. Charles Henry attended Warren County schools and learned something about farming and lumbering on the parental farm. At the age of eighteen he started out for himself in the lumber camps in the Lowville section of northern New York, and since 1888 has been a resident of Herkimer County. Until he was past forty years of age he engaged in various occupations—was a lumberman, contractor, hotelman, and later operated a store and was postmaster of Thendara. In 1908 he opened the Van Auken Hotel which he has since operated. It is now an establishment of thirty-two rooms, is widely known and exceptionally popular. Several years before the turn of the century, he married Cecile Olga Maurer, who herself operated the Van Auken Tavern from 1918 to her death in 1935.

Mr. Van Auken has been an exemplary citizen for four decades in Thendara, playing well his part in local affairs and devoting his energies to the improvement of the place that is his adopted home. He was town supervisor and member of the school board and has held many appointive and elective local offices. Once he was active in Masonic and other organizational circles. He long has been a member of the Nichols Memorial Church.

Charles Henry Van Auken married Cecile Maurer, born in Croghan, New York, November 6, 1870, died September 25, 1935, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maurer, both natives of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Van Auken were the parents of four children, all born in Thendara, New York: 1. Harold, born August 19, 1896, who married Beulah Vincent, born in Thendara, and they have a daughter, Beulah Olga, the wife of Lee Kokernot, of Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Kokernot reside in Los Angeles, California. 2. Lucille, born November 12, 1898. 3. Kathleen, born January 11, 1902, who married Rexford Thompson, born at Oneida County, New York; they have two children: Cecile and Martha, born at Canandaigua. 4. Charles, born June 9, 1907.

WILLIAM SAMUEL HAMMOND—As president of the Consolidated Car Heating Company, manufacturers of railway appliances and dental metals, William Samuel Hammond heads an Albany corporation with which he has been associated for almost forty years. He was elected to his present position in the company on the basis of his long experience and successful record.

Mr. Hammond was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, on September 8, 1876, son of William S. and Anna M. (Hileman) Hammond. His father, a lawyer in Altoona, was born at Cove Forge, Pennsylvania, and died in December, 1915. His mother, born in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, died on June 23, 1939.

William Samuel Hammond was educated in the public schools of Altoona, Chambersburg (Pennsylvania) Academy, from which he was graduated in 1896, and Princeton University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1900, and was awarded the Frederick Barnard White Prize in Architecture in 1900. He spent the following two years in the engineering department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pittsburgh and at the end of that time came to the Consolidated Car Heating Company in Albany. This company was formed by the merger of the McElroy Car Heating Company and the Sewell Car Heating Company, the former organized in 1887 by James Finney McElroy, whose early patents on car heating equipment for railroad use constituted the basis of the present business. Mr. Hammond began with the company in the sales department at the New York office and was later appointed district manager at Denver, Colorado, where he served two years, and in Chicago, where he remained for twelve years. In 1912 he was elected vice-president of the company and in 1916 came to the Albany offices to take general charge of sales. This responsibility occupied him until 1939, when he assumed the presidency. As president he directs an old established business, which has long served the American railroad industry and in more recent years has also extended its manufacturing operations into other fields.

Mr. Hammond, who is well known in Albany life, is also a director of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club of Albany, New York, the Railroad Machinery Club of New York, the Tavern Club of Cleveland, Ohio. He is independent in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith. The collection of first editions, finely bound and illustrated books and other rare examples of the bookmaker's art has been his hobby.

On July 3, 1903, Mr. Hammond married Jean M. Ebert, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, daughter of John W. Ebert, at one time a leading Altoona merchant, and Katherine M. (Burke) Ebert, who was born in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond are the parents of one daughter, Virginia, a graduate of St. Agnes' School. She married Matthew Bender, 3d, and has one son, Matthew Bender, 4th.

JOHN HALE McELROY—Since 1912 John Hale McElroy has been associated with the Consolidated Car Heating Company, one of Albany's well-known industrial enterprises. Beginning as assistant engineer, he has risen gradually in the organization and during the past three years has served as vice-president of the company.

Mr. McElroy was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 1, 1880, son of James Finney and Susie (Hale) McElroy. He is a descendant of Hugh McElroy, who went from Scotland to County Down, Ireland, about 1685, and of Hugh McElroy, his grandson, a son of John, who established the family in America. Hugh (2) McElroy settled in Pennsylvania about 1760 and married there. His son, Ebenezer Erskine McElroy, born in Pennsylvania, was a pioneer in Ohio, to which he removed with his family in 1813, traveling in wagons. Thomas Ghormley McElroy, son of Ebenezer Erskine, was a noted Abolitionist, whose home in southern Ohio was a station of the underground railroad, through which many slaves reached the freedom of Canada, and who served in the Civil War as a soldier in an Ohio Regiment, organized to protect the State against the Confederate raider, Morgan.

James Finney McElroy, son of Thomas Ghormley and father of John Hale McElroy, was born on a farm in Fayette County, Ohio, on November 25, 1852. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1876 and although the earlier years of his career were devoted to education, his special talents for mechanics and invention led him into other fields. Patents issued to him, which totaled more than three hundred, form the basis of the present business of the Consolidated Car Heating Company of Albany. In 1887 he organized the McElroy Car Heating Company for the manufacture of some of his inventions and this was later combined with the Sewell Car Heating Company to form the Consolidated Car Heating Company, manufacturers of railroad heating apparatus of all kinds. Mr. McElroy served as acting president and consulting engineer of the company. He was for many years a distinguished figure in American engineering, a leading manufacturer of the Capital Region and one of Albany's most active citizens, whose numerous civic connections enhanced the constructive value of his influence in the life of the community. He was a director of the Albany Mutual Insurance Company, the Hudson Valley Electric Railroad Company, the United Traction Company, the Albany Exchange Savings Bank; president of the Chamber of Commerce; director of the Albany Institute and Historical and Art Society; trustee of the Albany Orphan Asylum; and founder and twice president of the University Club of Albany. He married, in 1879, Susie Hale, daughter of John and Laura Burns (Hutchins) Hale, of

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Newbury, Vermont. She was a great-granddaughter of Jacob Hale, a Revolutionary soldier, and a descendant of Thomas Hale, who came from England to Massachusetts in or before 1638. James Finney and Susie (Hale) McElroy became the parents of three children: John Hale, of this record; Edith, a graduate of Smith College, who married William H. Gardner, of Armstead, Montana, a civil engineer; and Alice, also a graduate of Smith College and of the State Normal College in Albany. James Finney McElroy died on February 10, 1915.

John Hale McElroy received his preliminary education in the public schools of Lansing, Michigan, and Albany, entered Dartmouth College after completing the high school course and was graduated from that institution in 1903, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the same year he was appointed assistant engineer in the New York State Bureau of Engineering, with which he was associated until 1912, with the exception of the years 1905 and 1906, spent in the Panama Canal Zone as assistant engineer on the construction of the canal. His connection with the Consolidated Car Heating Company dates from 1912, when he entered the organization as assistant engineer, working under his father. In 1917 he became secretary of the company; in 1934 when Ticonium, a new dental alloy to replace gold in dental restorations, was put on the market by the Metal Products Division of the Consolidated Car Heating Company, Inc., Mr. McElroy was made general sales manager of the Metal Products Division. He became vice-president in February, 1938. For almost a quarter of a century he has been active in the management of a company with which the name of his family has been prominently associated throughout its history. The business remains one of Albany's important industries and in its operation he has assumed both engineering and general executive responsibilities.

Mr. McElroy is a member and past president of the Society of Engineers of Eastern New York, which his father helped to organize; member and past president of the Dartmouth Alumni Association; and member of the Albany Kiwanis Club, the University Club and Master's Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons. He has been greatly interested in the Boy Scout movement, whose value in building character and citizenship he clearly recognized, and for approximately five years has served as Scout Commissioner of the Fort Orange District, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. McElroy is also affiliated with the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He has a number of civic interests and was a member of the committee under Mayor Thatcher for the selection of the present municipal golf course. Mr. McElroy is a Republican in politics and a member and vestryman of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church in this city. Golf is his favorite recreation.

On June 6, 1906, John Hale McElroy married Helen Hutchinson Boss, daughter of Professor Lewis Boss, director of the Dudley Observatory in Albany, and of Helen M. (Hutchinson) Boss. They are the parents of four children: 1. James F., born September 25, 1908, an Episcopal clergyman, who took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Dartmouth College in 1931, was graduated from Cambridge Theological Seminary and is now rector of St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, the Episcopal Church in North East Harbor, Maine. He married Bette Young, of Concord, Massachusetts, and they have two children, Helen and James F. 2. Eleanor, born November 8, 1909, a graduate of Smith College in the class of 1931. She married Craig Thorn, Jr., of Albany, and they have two children: Barbara Lee and Craig, 3d. 3. Alice, born April 18, 1915. She was graduated from Smith College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935, took the degree of Master of Arts and received from the Eastman School of Music the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in musical composition, the first woman in the United States to take this degree. She is married to Leland H. Procter, of Pleasantville, New York, but continues her career as a musician and composer; they have twin daughters, Lucille and Carol Ann. 4. Barbara, born April 23, 1920, now a senior at Smith College.

G. HAROLD MARCH—For many years engaged in the insurance business in Rensselaer, G. Harold March has developed an enterprise that has come to be widely known, not only in this city, but throughout the Capital Region.

Mr. March was born October 13, 1895, in East Albany, New York, son of George Adam and Lydia (Loveridge) March. His father was a merchant, born November 15, 1863, in Albany. The elder Mr. March attended Albany schools and Folsom's Business College, and at the age of eighteen years went to work as a fireman on the New York Central Railroad between Albany and DeWitt. Business slumped afterward, and he left for a western trip, being employed for a time at the Indiana State Capitol, then under construction in Indianapolis, as engineer running a boom derrick. In the fall of 1881 he went to St. Louis, Missouri, then to Parsons, Kansas, where he served as a railway fireman between there and the Indian Nation. After six months there, he went to Fort Worth, then to Big Springs, Texas, serving there as fireman on the Texas Pacific Railroad on the run from Big Springs to Toyah, Sierra Blanca and El Paso. For three years he stayed there, then became a roundhouse foreman at Sanderson, Texas, on the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad. Until 1887 he remained at Sanderson, then decided to go to Denver. While waiting at the station platform, he saw a California-bound train going through and, quickly changing his mind, went to California instead of Denver. Arriving at San Bernardino on May 17, 1887, he became a fireman on the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railroad, which subsequently became the California Central Railroad and then was made a part of the Atcheson, Topeka & Santa Fe system. After firing on this road for six months, he was promoted to engineer. He continued in railway work until 1892, joining the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, New York Lodge, No. 135, in 1884, and the Angel City Division of Locomotive Engineers in 1888. On account of a strict ruling that no employee be permitted to wear glasses, he left Los Angeles in September, 1892, and at that time came to East Albany (now Rensselaer), New York, and entered the dry goods business. He transferred his brotherhood membership from the Angel City Division to Greenbush Division, No. 59, of Rensselaer, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and also became affiliated with East Albany Lodge, No. 215, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen here. Since 1919 George A. March has been collector for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He has been insurance secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers since 1896 and secretary and treasurer since 1900. During the World War the elder Mr. March was food administrator, and in 1918 he had charge of Liberty Bond drives. In 1914 he was appointed a director of the Rensselaer County Bank by its founder, the late John F. Munger. In addition to all his other activities, Mr. March is a member of Greenbush Lodge, No. 337, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with Greenbush Chapter, No. 274, of Royal Arch Masons; DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, of Royal and Select Masters; Temple Commandery, No. 2, of Knights Templar; and Fellowcraft Club of Greenbush Lodge. In June, 1889, George A. March married Lydia Loveridge, of Los Angeles, formerly of East Albany, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Edward P. March, of Binghamton. 2. George Harold March, of further mention. 3. Mildred I. March, of Rensselaer.

G. Harold March attended public schools of Rensselaer County, and upon leaving school entered the dry goods business in Rensselaer in association with his father. Down to the time of writing he has continued this affiliation, and the business of G. A. March & Son, as it is known, is today one of the leading enterprises of its kind in this region of New York State. In 1925 Mr. March established an additional enterprise, his own insurance business, of which he is the sole owner and manager. He handles a general line of insurance, including life insurance, and this undertaking has grown and expanded until its broadened scope takes in the metropolitan areas throughout the Capital Region.

Along with his business activities, Mr. March has interested himself extensively in social and civic affairs. From 1934 to 1936 he served as a commissioner with the TERA. He has also had military service with the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Johnson, in Jacksonville, Florida. He is active today in Rensselaer Post, No. 471, of the American Legion, as well as in a number of branches of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Greenbush Lodge, No. 337; Greenbush Chapter, No. 274, of Royal Arch Masons; DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 32, of Royal and Select Masters; and Temple Commandery, No. 2, of Knights Templar. He is also connected with the Fellowcraft Club of Greenbush Lodge, of which he is a Past President and Past Secretary. Mr. March is a member of the St. Paul's English Lutheran Church.

THE BROWNELL FAMILY—The Brownell family is one of the oldest in the Fulton-Hamilton county area. Founded in this country in 1639 by pioneer settlers of Rhode Island, it was carried to New York immediately after the Revolutionary War, in which Daniel Brownell served with the patriot forces, originally as a drummer boy, later as a soldier. He was the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Grace Brownell Rogers, present representative of the family, whose summer home is at Northville, Fulton County.

Mrs. Roger's parents were Isaac Alexander and Jane (Brownell) Brownell, both born at Hope, Hamilton County. Her paternal grandfather, James A. Brownell, was district attorney of Hamilton County for twenty-four years and was one of the leading lawyers of the county. Her maternal grandfather, Robert Brownell, was a member of the firm of Brownell Brothers, tanners, who owned and operated two or three tanneries at Hope. Mrs. Rogers is also a descendant of the Harris family, first established here by James Harris, who came from Scotland in 1800 and settled at Hope. Her father, Isaac Alexander Brownell, who died in 1918, was engaged in the lumber and hotel business at Northville for many years and also had extensive farming interests.

Isaac Alexander and Jane (Brownell) Brownell were also the parents of: 1. James Homer, of Hope, now deceased. 2. Elnora, who married George Shepard, of Gloversville, and has three children: i. George B. Shepard. ii. Marion Shepard. iii. Mildred Shepard.

KENNETH S. MacAFFER—During the past twenty years, Kenneth S. MacAffer has been engaged in the practice of law at Albany. He is active professionally as a member of the Albany law firm of Wiswall,

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Walton, Wood and MacAffer and is prominent in Republican politics, which is his hobby.

Mr. MacAffer was born at Green Island, Albany County, on March 1, 1900, a son of Alexander S. and Annie V. (Kerslake) MacAffer. His father, who was born in Troy in 1877 and died on July 25, 1937, was a news dealer and stationer at Green Island. His mother was born at Salem, New York, on June 13, 1874, and died on January 12, 1937.

Kenneth S. MacAffer received his preliminary education in the public schools of Green Island, was graduated from Troy High School in 1917 and studied law at Albany Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1920. Upon his admission to the bar in the following year, he began practice with the Albany law firm of Hun, Parker and Reilly, with whose office he was already associated, and continued the connection until 1924, a total of seven years. At the end of that time he became connected with the law firm of Tobin, Wiswall, Walton and Wood and, in 1927, was admitted to partnership under the firm name of Wiswall, Walton, Wood and MacAffer, the present form. With his colleagues, he is engaged in a general practice which entails large responsibilities in all branches of law.

Mr. MacAffer is also attorney for the village of Menands and serves as school trustee there. Aside from his profession, politics has been his principal interest for many years. During this time he has risen to a position of influence in the Republican party and since December, 1938, has served as chairman of the Albany County Republican Committee, and is also a member of the executive committee of the Republican State Committee. Mr. MacAffer is a member of the American Bar Association and the New York State and Albany County Bar associations. He is a trustee and secretary of Albany Law School, a member of Wolferts Roost, the University Club, and the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Rotary Club and Apollo Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Troy.

On August 8, 1929, Mr. MacAffer married Edna Shafer, of Schenectady, daughter of Martin L. and Louella (Soley) Shafer. They are the parents of two sons: Kenneth S., Jr., born June 17, 1931; and Duncan S., born February 28, 1935.

FRANK HOWARD COLLINS—A resident of New York State, long a practicing lawyer in New York City, then a representative of the mining interests of ome Americans in the Canadian Northland, Frank Howard Collins is now widely known as an author, paricularly for his popular work, "The Individualist," in which he has drawn heavily upon his studies of the lives and habits of the people of the Canadian Northland.

Mr. Collins was born September 26, 1874, in New Hartford, Connecticut, son of Francis H. and Anna (Bushnell) Collins. His father, of Chatham, New York, was for many years a builder of railroads until his death in 1930. He was chairman of the board of directors of a group of men who built the first street railway in London, England. The mother, Mrs. Anna (Bushnell) Collins, was a native of New Hartford. She died in 1932.

Frank Howard Collins attended public schools in New Hartford, his birthplace, then went to preparatory school at Phillips-Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and to the Peekskill Military Academy. He was graduated in 1900 as a Bachelor of Laws from the New York Law School. Admitted to the bar of this State in 1899, he commenced the practice of his profession in 1901 in New York City. There he carried on a general practice of law.

Spending his winters in Miami, Florida, Mr. Collins' summer home and residence is on a beautiful estate nestling in the hills near Harlemville, in Columbia County. He is a veteran of the New York Naval Reserve, also for thirty years a member of the City Club, New York City.

In 1932 he married Mary Walshe, of Waterford, Ireland, daughter of William and Bridget (Browne) Walshe, of Ireland.

His brother, Charles Harold Collins, resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is an officer in several manufacturing companies. His sister, Mrs. A. (Collins) Boardman, now divides her time between Denver and New York, in Europe, and Pekin, China.

HON. WILLIAM DINEHART—Down the years of a most worthy life, William Dinehart, of Copake, New York, rose to high place in the affections and respect of his fellow-citizens. He was identified with the major industry of our country, agriculture, throughout his career—a success in his vocation and a leader in community progress. Some remember him for his public spirit, his kindliness of disposition and generous support of charitable movements and organizations; others will recall him as a man who bred and raised trotting horses that raced on the "Grand Circuit," winning a full share of purses. All in all he was a man among men with a host of friends.

Mr. Dinehart, son of John William and Elizabeth (Snyder) Dinehart, was born at Rhinebeck, New York, a hundred miles up the Hudson River, the stream near which his ancestors settled. He enjoyed relating how one William Dinehart, a native of Heidelberg, Germany, was taking a vacation trip in Holland, where he went aboard a Dutch vessel for a short but hilarious excursion. When he began to wonder why the ship kept steadily out to sea, he was informed that he was on his way to former New Amsterdam, and that while there he would have to apprentice himself to some "Lord of the Manor" to earn money enough to pay for his passage to the New World. It was to Livingston Manor that he went for nearly five years, and at the end of this long term, Livingston offered him a farm. The first William Dinehart chose land near Copake Lake, Columbia County, where some of his descendants have lived ever since. It was on his West Copake farm that the William Dinehart, of this record, died many decades later, universally esteemed and mourned. He had been a soldier in the Union Army during the War Between the States. He participated in the dashing cavalry raids in the battles of Whitehall and Goldsborough, and served in the 3d New York Cavalry Service of the United States throughout the entire war, without any leave of absence. He was a staunch Republican, but it was less his political influence than his fitness for public service that caused him to be elected supervisor a number of times and sent him to the New York State General Assembly to represent his district. His religious affiliations were with the West Copake Reformed Church.

William Dinehart married Sarah Augusta Demarest, and they were the parents of five children: 1. Sheridan, married Carrie Brady, of Fall River, Massachusetts. 2. Elizabeth Anna, married Willard Holsapple. 3. Mary Malvina Astor, married Harry Bain. 4. Alma, married Arnold Burch. 5. William Henry, married Violetta Winans, and they have two children: i. Malvina Astor, married Maynard Glynn Griffiths, and they have two children: a. Harry William Griffiths. b. Malvina Glynn Griffiths. ii. William Henry, Jr., married Louise Olive Wilhelm, and has a son: a. William Henry, III.

MRS. MARY M. A. (DINEHART) BAIN—One of Copake's leading citizens, Mrs. Mary M. A. (Dinehart) Bain, has figured prominently in the cultural life of her community, where she is much interested in garden club work and has served as a church organist.

Mrs. Bain is a daughter of the Hon. William Dinehart and member of the old Dinehart family. Her father's family has been traced back to William Dinehart, a native of Heidelberg, Germany, who was one of five passengers invited for a week-end excursion on a Dutch vessel in 1753 while living in Holland. Music, dancing and refreshments made it a merry party, and soon these five men were oblivious to their surroundings. When they became sober they found they were bound for New York. Lacking money for their passage, they were apprenticed for four and one-half years, according to the custom in that day, to the lord of Livingston Manor. At the expiration of their term of service, Livingston offered them farms, which they accepted. William Dinehart settled near Copake Lake, where his descendants have since resided.

Mrs. Mary M. A. (Dinehart) Bain's father, similarly named William Dinehart, had a large farm at West Copake, nearly five hundred acres in all. Her mother was Mrs. Sarah Augusta (Demarest) Dinehart. Mrs. Bain herself is intensely interested in the history of her interesting family, and has delved into many of its branches in the Copake district. She received her own early schooling in Columbia County schools, though she was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County. She later attended Housatonic Institute and a Philadelphia college, then studied music at Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York, and at the Norman Conservatory of Music, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She taught music for some years in the high school in Copake.

Today she is deeply interested in garden club activities in this vicinity, and for a number of years has been organist in a local church. She is a member of Chapter No. 365 of the Order of Eastern Star, and is a member of the Grange.

Her brother, William H. Dinehart, is a retired banker, now living at Hudson, New York.

Mrs. Bain married Harry Bain, a son of James and Myra (Van Deusen) Bain.

JULIUS BRECKWOLDT—For many years Julius Breckwoldt was one of the Capital Region's leading business men, industrialists and manufacturers, producing piano parts and toilet seats in Dolgeville and long heading the firm of Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc. Purchasing the piano business from Alfred Dolge, the founder of Dolgeville, in 1896, he transformed it into the special type of enterprise in which he saw tremendous possibilities of development, and proved his abilities by building up the company along such lines that it was still growing at the time of his passing. Three generations have had a hand in promoting this manufacturing establishment, and all who know the history of the company attest the abilities and inspiration of the founder.

Julius Breckwoldt was born August 21, 1856, in Blankenese, Germany, along the shores of the River Elbe, son of Joachim and Margarethe (Junge) Breckwoldt. His father, a sea captain, traveled extensively in his own boat to all parts of the world, often accompanied by his wife and his son Julius during summer vacation seasons.

Public and private schools at Blankenese, his German birthplace, furnished Julius Breckwoldt's early formal education, and after finishing his studies in the *Realschule* there he continued special studies of mathematics and mechanical engineering. He was also intensely interested in languages and was an avid reader. He was twelve years old when he came to the United States, and in early youth he spent several years in the employ of the United States Custom House in New York City. Before that time, however, he had settled in Dolgeville, and after his experience at the Custom House he returned to Dolgeville and entered the service of Alfred Dolge, maker of piano parts. He was associated for many years with Mr. Dolge, but in 1896 he purchased the business that came to be known as Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc., from Mr. Dolge, and began operations on his own account.

Association with Mr. Dolge in both Dolgeville and in the company's New York office gave Julius Breckwoldt a thorough knowledge of the business in all its details and ramifications, and particularly as superintendent of the sounding board department in the Dolgeville plant he gained a detailed technical knowledge of the industry that he had chosen to enter. The firm of Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc., grew from a small enterprise, which at first it was, to a position of prominence in its field, until year by year it was steadily advancing in trade consideration and response. The Breckwoldt products are today accredited among the best of their kind on the market, and the company continues to grow and prosper. The business was incorporated under the present name in 1923. Originally piano backs, bars and bridges were the major products manufactured, but later the Breckwoldts found it convenient and profitable to add toilet seats to their other line. Both branches of the business have been developed on an extensive scale, and the position that Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc., today occupies is a credit to the example of Julius Breckwoldt, the founder and long the head of the company.

In addition to his efforts along these lines, Julius Breckwoldt was also president of the First National Bank, of Dolgeville, and a director of the Herkimer Trust Company, of Little Falls, New York, and the Seabreeze National Bank, of Seabreeze, Florida. As time went on, he took a more and more active part in the affairs of Dolgeville, where he donated the present Dolgeville Library in memory of his son-in-law, Judge George W. Ward, husband of his daughter, Edna Mary (Breckwoldt) Ward. Judge Ward held an outstanding position in the legal profession. Mr. Breckwoldt was also president of the Dolgeville Board of Education, served the county in different capacities, supported the Republican party and was public-spirited in his encouragement of every Dolgeville improvement. Fraternally he was connected with the Royal Arcanum, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons, and he also belonged to the Herkimer Valley Country Club, the Ongawanda Club and the New York Athletic Club. His influence was long widely felt in Dolgeville and this district of New York State, in religious life as well as in other departments of the affairs of his district. He was a leading Lutheran layman, and his wife and children joined the Protestant Episcopal Church. They spent considerable time in later years in Seabreeze, Florida, where they had their winter home. Mr. Breckwoldt was interested in the life of this southern community as well as in Dolgeville affairs, and both communities richly benefited from sharing the contribution of his personality and effort in their behalf. He devoted much spare time to reading and study, an occupation which his family shared with him.

Julius Breckwoldt married, January 21, 1880, at Breckett's Bridge, later called Dolgeville, New York, Jennie M. Lamberson, daughter of Addison and Mary Lamberson. They became the parents of two children: 1. Edna Mary Breckwoldt, who became, as indicated above, the wife of Judge George W. Ward; she was born September 12, 1881. 2. William Addison Breckwoldt, born May 9, 1884, in Dolgeville; a record of his life appears elsewhere herein.

The death of Julius Breckwoldt occurred at his winter home in Florida, April 22, 1941, and caused a large group of both northern and southern friends to mourn their loss of a staunch and true soul and an honest and loyal citizen. The remains were laid to rest in Dolgeville, where burial took place Monday, April 27. His friends were legion, and his place in the Dolgeville community must be particularly difficult to fill. His kindness and charities were recognized by all, and the fine example that he set is being maintained as a commendable tradition by representatives of the succeeding two generations.

WILLIAM A. BRECKWOLDT—The business of Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc., manufacturers of piano parts and toilet seats at Dolgeville, has been an interest of the Breckwoldt family since 1900. The present company was established by Julius Breckwoldt, long a leading citizen of the Dolgeville community, who was born in Germany in 1856 and came to the United States at the age of twelve, settling at Dolgeville. In his youth he spent several years in the United States Custom House in New York City, but subsequently returned to Dolgeville and entered the employ of Alfred Dolge, with whom he was associated for many years. The business of Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc., was purchased from Alfred Dolge at the turn of the century and the company was incorporated under the present name in 1923. It was originally devoted solely to the manufacture of piano parts, and the production of toilet seats was begun at a later date. Both branches of the business have been developed on an extensive scale under the leadership of Julius Breckwoldt, president of the company. During the years which he gave to the building of one of Dolgeville's principal industries, Mr. Breckwoldt also became active in other connections—as president of the First National Bank of Dolgeville, director of the Herkimer County Trust Company at Little Falls, as a civic leader in his own community, member of the Masonic Order and other local organizations and as an active Lutheran layman. His influence has been a constructive force at Dolgeville for many years.

Julius Breckwoldt married Jennie M. Lamberson, who was born at Dolgeville in 1854 and who became vice-president of Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc., upon the incorporation of the company in 1923. Julius Breckwoldt passed away in Florida, on April 22, 1941.

William A. Breckwoldt, secretary and treasurer of the company, is a son of Julius and Jennie M. (Lamberson) Breckwoldt. He was born at Dolgeville on May 9, 1884, was educated in the local public schools and after completing the high school course, studied at Albany Business College. In 1902 he joined his father in the Dolgeville business and was elected secretary and treasurer of the company upon its incorporation. In these offices he has been active in the management of the company, which gives employment to some three hundred people and is widely and favorably known in its field. Both the plant and the office of the company are located in Dolgeville.

W. A. Breckwoldt is also a director of Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc., which remains a family corporation, and a director of the First National Bank of Dolgeville and the Little Falls National Bank. A Republican in politics, he served on the Dolgeville School Board for about eight years. He has been interested in the civic institutions and enterprises of his community and has given them his effective support. Mr. Breckwoldt is affiliated fraternally with Dolgeville Lodge, No. 796, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Royal Arch Chapter in the same order. He is a member of a number of clubs, including the Mohawk Valley Country Club, the Fort Schuyler Club in Utica, the Utica Tennis Club and the Cedar Lake Club, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is fond of outdoor sports and finds his principal recreation in tennis.

On February 22, 1911, William A. Breckwoldt married Mabel Clark, of Canastota, New York, daughter of Edward J. and Ida (Throp) Clark. They are the parents of one son, Julius Edward, who was educated at Tomb Academy, in Fort Deposit, Maryland, and at Stetson University in Florida and is now associated with Julius Breckwoldt & Son, Inc.

ROBERT NELSON LINDSAY, M. D.—Since 1923, Dr. Robert Nelson Lindsay has devoted himself to the responsibilities of his profession at Old Forge, where he continues to practice, and the tradition of community service established by his father, a physician and surgeon here for many years.

Dr. Lindsay is a son of Robert Samuel and Ella (Pearce) Lindsay. His father, who was born at Remsen, New York, on April 16, 1861, and died on January 26, 1938, was a graduate of Albany Medical College in the class of 1892 and was engaged in practice at Old Forge from 1904 until his retirement. He was health officer of the village for thirty years, president of the school board, secretary of the New York State Automobile Association and a prominent Mason, being affiliated in this order with Northwoods Lodge, No. 849, of which he was Past Master, and with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including the Royal Arch Chapter, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Consistory, thirty-second degree. Ella (Pearce) Lindsay, the mother, was born on April 17, 1860, and is living.

Robert Nelson Lindsay received his preliminary education in the public schools of Old Forge and at Utica Free Academy, from which he was graduated in 1912. Subsequently he entered Syracuse University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917, and then prepared for his professional career in the Medical College, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1921. Dr. Lindsay served his interneship in the Department of Hospitals and Dispensaries of the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo City Hospital, from July, 1921, to June, 1922. During the following year he was resident physician at Buffalo City Hospital, following which he returned to Old Forge and became associated with his father in the practice of medicine and surgery. Upon his father's retirement in 1936, he took over the practice and has since continued it successfully.

Dr. Lindsay is a member of the staffs of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Faxton Hospital, both in Utica. In addition to his own practice, he served as health officer of the town of Webb and has other public responsibilities as fire commissioner of the town of Webb and member of the Old Forge School Board. He is a member of the American and New York State Medical associations, the Herkimer County Medical Society, the Utica Academy of Medicine, and many non-professional organizations, including the Old Forge Lions Club, of which he is past president; the Old Forge Fish and Game Club; the Winter Sports Association; the Delta Upsilon and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities; William Covey Post, No. 898, of the American Legion; and the Free and Accepted Masons. Active in the Masonic Order, he

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is a member and Past Master of Northwoods Lodge, No. 849, Free and Accepted Masons; Middleville Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Utica Commandery of the Knights Templar; the higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory; and Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. During the World War he served in the Students' Army Training Corps at Syracuse University, with special duty in the Medical Corps. Dr. Lindsay is a Republican in politics and is a member of Nichols Memorial Church, in which he is a deacon and president of the board. He is fond of fishing and hunting and has made a hobby of photography for many years.

On November 15, 1927, at Utica, New York, Dr. Lindsay married Gertrude Vaeth, who was born in Utica. They are the parents of three sons: Robert Nelson, Jr., born at Utica on May 21, 1930; Richard Walter, born at Utica on January 15, 1934; and Donald Gerome, born October 13, 1941, in Utica.

ELMER GEORGE JACOBS—As one of Grafton's most active business and civic leaders, Elmer George Jacobs is well known in Rensselaer County. He has successfully conducted a number of business enterprises and has a long record of public service which he continues today as supervisor of the town.

Born at Grafton on August 23, 1882, Mr. Jacobs is a son of George and Esther (Brock) Jacobs. He was educated in the local public schools and afterward remained for a short time on his father's farm, assisting him in its operation. When he decided to launch his independent business career, he opened a photographer's shop in Grafton and continued this enterprise until 1912 as sole owner. In 1913 he sold out and bought an ice cream business, a field in which he was active until 1921. Again he sold out, this time to accept the position of manager of the Rev. E. D. Tibbits Estate at Grafton, continuing as such until the death of Mr. Tibbits in 1928. At the present time he is engaged in the electrical installation business in Grafton and has again built up a successful enterprise of which he is sole owner.

With the development of his business career, Mr. Jacobs also became active in public life. As town clerk from 1913 to 1915 he established his reputation as a capable and courteous public official and in 1917 was elected supervisor of the town and member of the County Board of Supervisors. During a tenure of eight years he demonstrated his ability to administer the important public responsibilities devolving upon him, bringing to his office a progressive outlook combined with sound business judgment. After his retirement as supervisor, Mr. Jacobs was sergeant of court at Troy from 1925 to 1937, after which, by election of the people, he resumed the post of supervisor of the town of Grafton. He is now serving for the second time in this office and has repeated his successful record of earlier years.

Mr. Jacobs has also been an active leader in the civic affairs of his community and is influential in Republican politics. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is a member of the local Republican Club and the Wilcox Band at Petersburg. He is a Methodist in religious faith.

In 1901, in New York City, Elmer George Jacobs married Minnie E. Tilley, daughter of Elmore and Amanda (Paddock) Tilley. They are the parents of two daughters: Madge L., born in 1903, who married Everett Lamphere, county road foreman, and has two sons: Lawrence, born in 1930, and Ronald, born on May 6, 1934; and Thelma, born in 1911, who married Joseph Mahoney, a brewer, and has one son, Thomas, born in 1936.

FRANK WELLS McCABE—As vice-president and cashier of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany, Frank Wells McCabe continues a connection begun some fifteen years ago when he launched his banking career. He is well known in financial circles of the Capital Region.

Mr. McCabe was born at Brewster, Putnam County, on June 2, 1903, son of Ambrose F. McCabe, New York attorney, and Pauline Crosby (Wells) McCabe. He received his preparatory education at Newman School in Hackensack, New Jersey, and at the Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut, following which he entered Yale University to carry on the college course. Subsequently, he was a student at Hertford College, Oxford University, England. Mr. McCabe's association with the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany dates from October 4, 1926. He has been active in the service of this institution without interruption during the intervening years and as vice-president and cashier has present responsibilities of a large order in connection with its operations. Mr. McCabe is also secretary and treasurer of the South Texas Development Company and a director of the First National Bank of Brewster. Aside from his business connections he is a member of the Fort Orange Club of Albany and a member of St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church in this city.

On September 20, 1930, at Lakeville, Connecticut, Mr. McCabe married Mary Lee Borden, daughter of Louis Lambert and Jean (McConeloug) Borden. They are the parents of two daughters: Pauline Crosby Wells, born September 6, 1931; and Mary Lee Borden, born August 31, 1933.

ERNEST E. FORD—Conducting the modern general store of Ford & Ford, in Oak Hill, Ernest E. Ford is associated here with his nephew. He is widely known for the part that he has taken in the business life of this district, and is respected, honored and trusted by a host of friends in all walks and departments of life.

Mr. Ford was born April 12, 1879, in Oak Hill, New York, son of Emerson and Addie (Carpenter) Ford, of Preston Hollow, Albany County, and of Medway, New York, respectively, both now deceased. His father was a merchant.

Public schools provided Ernest E. Ford's early formal education. Later he attended Albany Business College. In boyhood he learned the mercantile business in association with his father in Oak Hill, remaining with the father until 1910. In that year he himself took over the business, which for the ensuing twenty years he operated. In 1930 he admitted his nephew, T. L. Ford, into the firm, as a partner, and they proceeded to organize and operate the firm of Ford & Ford. He also has other business affiliations, being a director of the Catskill Mountain Insurance Company, the Pioneer Insurance Company of Greene County, and the Mountain Insurance Company.

A Democrat in his political views, Ernest E. Ford was appointed postmaster of Oak Hill in 1915, since which time he has continued in this office. Fraternally he is affiliated with Cascade Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and with Greenville Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He attends the Methodist Church.

In 1905 Ernest E. Ford married Bertie Conrad, of Preston Hollow, New York, daughter of Jerome and Ida Conrad, of that place.

HUGH GEORGE HENRY, M. D.—Although his earlier years were spent in the British territories of North America, Dr. Hugh George Henry came to this country to launch his professional career and since 1931 has been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery at Germantown. He is a well-known figure in medical circles of Columbia County.

Dr. Henry was born at Lucea, Jamaica, British West Indies, on November 30, 1895, son of Jacob Isaac and Sarah Amelia (Davis) Henry. While he was still in infancy, his father died, and his mother was subsequently married to Charles J. M. Smith, an influential planter and dairy farmer in Jamaica. Dr. Henry has always regarded his stepfather as a true father. He was educated at Cornwall College, Montego Bay, Jamaica where he received the degree of Licentiate in Pharmacy, and was then appointed pharmacist of the Montreal General Hospital at Montreal, Quebec. While serving in this post he began the study of medicine at McGill University and, in 1929, took the degree of Doctor of Medicine, Master in Surgery. A year's interneship at the Royal Victoria Maternity Hospital and in the Montreal General Hospital in Montreal followed. In 1931 Dr. Henry practiced two months with Dr. George S. King at Bayshore, Long Island, then established his present practice at Germantown and has since devoted himself to its responsibilities. In doing so he has become one of the leading physicians of this section.

Dr. Henry is a member of the courtesy staff of Hudson City Hospital, at Hudson. He is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States of America; a member of the American Medical Association and New York State Medical Society; member and past president of the Columbia County Medical Society; fellow of the Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, Canada; and licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada. In addition to his professional connections he is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Lions Club. Dr. Henry is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

He married, in 1925, at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Edith Ruth Lalonde. Dr. and Mrs. Henry have two children: Hugh George, Jr., now seven years old; and Charles James, six years old.

LEWIS M. FOWLER—Lewis M. Fowler is an enterprising business man who has recently come to the fore in St. Johnsville industrial circles as secretary and general manager of the newly organized Palatine Dyeing Company. Mr. Fowler was one of the men instrumental in forming this concern in 1921 and went into the dyeing and finishing business after a somewhat varied commercial experience. He was born in Hamilton County, New York, September 18, 1884, the son of William E. and Estella (Rudes) Fowler, natives of this State. His father, who was a mechanical engineer by profession, died in 1888, when Lewis M. Fowler was but a little boy. The mother is still living.

After obtaining a general education in the Hamilton County public schools, Lewis M. Fowler prepared for a business life by taking a commercial course in the Gloversville Business College. His first practical experience came as a clerk in the Northville Bank, where he was employed for a period of four years and rose to the position of teller before he resigned to engage in the insurance business. He was interested in insurance work until he joined Richard W. Ritter, George R. Pensel and Harry Underwood in 1921 to form a company for conducting a dyeing and finishing plant at Palatine Bridge. This firm was subsequently reorganized and moved to St. Johnsville in 1924, where Mr. Fowler has made an enviable place for himself in business circles as secretary and general manager of the concern.

On the first of July, 1923, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Mabel Clara Suits, daughter of Nicholas J. and Hephzibah (Sutton) Suits of Amsterdam, where the

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wedding took place. The Suits family is one of the old established ones in Amsterdam, and Mrs. Fowler's grandfather, John Suits, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Fowler belongs to the Reformed Church, her membership being with the Amsterdam congregation, and she is also a member of the Century Club in Amsterdam, where she has made a wide circle of acquaintances. Her husband attends the St. Johnsville Evangelical Church and has joined the Exchange Club, a civic body that numbers among its members most of the progressive business and professional men of the village. Energetic and ambitious, Mr. Fowler has steadily advanced in his business career and since becoming connected with his present business has made valuable contribution to the rapid development and success of the Palatine Dyeing Company.

MRS. IRENE A. (STREED) RHEINSTROM—The career of Mrs. Irene A. (Streed) Rheinstrom, of Hillsdale, has embraced many different lines of activity, including research, advertising, teaching and radio. She was born May 3, 1903, in Moline, Illinois, daughter of Richard Albert and Amy Theresa (Lundeen) Streed. She attended Moline schools; was graduated from high school there; went to Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois, and the University of Illinois, at Urbana, that State; then began the active labors of her career. For some time she served as western advertising manager of "Dance Magazine," and from time to time she has done research work and radio service, as well as a certain amount of teaching. Mrs. Rheinstrom is a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and the First Congregational Church. In addition to her other activities which bring her in touch with the national literary market, Mrs. Rheinstrom conducts a business of her own in Hillsdale, and has acquired a deep interest in New York State and its history.

In Mount Washington, Massachusetts, on December 15, 1934, she became the wife of Carroll Rheinstrom, son of Allan and Meta (Rodney) Rheinstrom. Mr. Rheinstrom is connected with the Macfadden Publications as advertising director of "True Story Magazine." He has done some textbook writing on advertising, a field in which the work of Goode & Rheinstrom is widely known.

J. FRANK LACKEY—A background of business experience has well fitted J. Frank Lackey for the position that he holds as postmaster of Tannersville, and he is also known as one of the leading store operators of the community, being a partner in the drug firm of Lackey & Lord.

Mr. Lackey was born November 20, 1882, in New York City, son of Michael Lackey, Jr., of Tannersville, who practiced law for many years until his death and was engaged in the real estate and insurance business. The mother, Mrs. Julia (Weller) Lackey, came from Birmingham, England. She is now also deceased.

Public schools of Tannersville provided J. Frank Lackey's early formal education, and he attended Spencer's Business College, at Kingston, and the Albany Business College, in Albany. At the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of Mr. Abrams, a grocer, remaining with him for eighteen months. He then went into the confectionery and ice cream business with Frank R. Raensch, each of them having a capital of fifty cents at the time of the start of business. Their enterprise prospered from the outset, and at the end of the first year they had their stock completely paid for. At the age of twenty years Mr. Lackey went into the mercantile business on his own account, and when he was twenty-two he had the largest general mercantile establishment in his community and one of the largest in the region.

He was first appointed postmaster by President Woodrow Wilson. When the United States was involved in the World War, in 1917, Mr. Lackey's duties in this office became so heavy that he disposed entirely of his mercantile business, selling his stock and remodeling the store into a tea room which could be operated by his wife. He devoted his own time through that trying period to war work. In 1920 he formed a partnership with Ralph M. Lord, the firm of Lackey & Lord, which operates one of the leading drug stores in Tannersville down to the time of writing. Mr. Lackey was again appointed postmaster on April 1, 1934, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and he has continued in this position down to the time of writing.

A Democrat in his political alignment, he has also rendered other valuable public service. He was only twenty-one years of age when he was elected town clerk, serving two terms. For two terms he was supervisor of the town of Hunter. While still in his twenties he was a member of the Board of Education. Then, after seven years in which he was not on the board, he was again elected as a member of the board of the newly organized Hunter-Tannersville Central School District, which combined the towns of Hunter, Jewett and Lexington in Greene County, serving eight years as president. He was instrumental in forming the present Central School District and in building three new school buildings. He has been president of the board since 1931. He has also been a candidate for State Senator. Mr. Lackey is a member of the State Democratic committee and a past chairman of the county committee of his party.

Mr. Lackey is a member and acting president of the Memorial Hospital of Greene County, Inc., and was one of a group of three who was instrumental in organizing it, purchasing the land and erecting the present hospital at Catskill. He is a member and vice-president of the board of managers of the hospital. He was co-organizer, with Orin Q. Flint, of Athens, of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.,, and served two and a half years as president. He is a life member of the organization.

Active also in fraternal and social life, Mr. Lackey is a member of Kingston Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also belongs to Tannersville Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is Greene County director of the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters. The Boy Scout movement has derived considerable assistance from him over a thirty-year period. He helped organize the Greene County Council of Scouts and served as its first president, and afterward he became a director and vice-president of the Ulster-Greene Counties Association of Scouts. Mr. Lackey belongs to the Catskill Mountain Fish and Game Club and the Catskill Glee Club, and he organized the Tannersville Chamber of Commerce and served for some years as its president. He has also been active in Onteora Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a member of the Tannersville Roman Catholic Church.

On January 4, 1905, J. Frank Lackey married Helen Bergen, of New York City. They became the parents of a daughter, Regina Helen Lackey, who was graduated from local schools and Albany College of Pharmacy and is a registered pharmacist, wife of Leroy Waltman.

MICHAEL LACKEY, JR.—For many years actively engaged in the practice of law and in the conduct of a real estate and insurance business in Tannersville, Michael Lackey, Jr., earned the high regard and affection of all who knew him. From an early period in life he possessed a love of intellectual pursuits, of which one became the law; and his knowledge of the history and lore of law was greater than that of most men. His excellent memory enabled him to quote verbatim extended passages from law books years after he had read them, and often he amazed juries, judges and fellow-practitioners, as well as clients and the general public, by this unusual capacity that was his. It was his own contention that in his respect for men the force of a superior intelligence superseded power, place or position.

Mr. Lackey was born November 24, 1859, in Tannersville, New York, son of Michael Lackey, Sr., who was a painter and an innkeeper, and Katharine Burke. His grandfather, Thomas Lackey, was an innkeeper in Ireland and later in the United States, operating here what was known as the Cascade House. Michael Lackey, Sr., was seven years old when he came to this country from Ireland with his father.

Michael Lackey, Jr., attended district schools in Tannersville, and at the age of fifteen years was teaching school. Curiously enough, most of his pupils were older than he. Nevertheless, despite many odd experiences, he continued teaching for several years, reading law in his spare time, and, as he put it, reading, in fact, "anything else he could find to read." So did his thirst for knowledge reveal itself at that early period of his life. In later years he was often referred to as one of the best-read men and one of the most gifted orators in the Tannersville district, and his desire for knowledge was known to be insatiable. In 1887 he entered the real estate and insurance business, remaining in that business all his life and developing what was recognized as the largest insurance enterprise in Greene County.

It was mainly his law practice that distinguished Mr. Lackey, however. Without any formal training in the law or any college degree, and without ever being admitted to the bar, he handled numerous cases for friends and acquaintances and satisfactorily proved to himself and them, as well as to many a university-trained professional opponent, his ability along these lines. His reputation became widespread, and many there were who regarded his legal mind as second to none in the county. His long quotations from law books and judicial decisions, given at a moment's notice, startled his hearers, yet were found to be almost invariably correct. In addition to his work along this direction, Mr. Lackey operated a grocery store for a number of years, as well as a novelty store, and was the first president of the Mountain's National Bank. When the bank was at the peak of its success, paying one hundred per cent. dividend on its stock, he resigned from his banking position. A few years later, when the bank failed, it was Mr. Lackey who was appointed its receiver. He built Tannersville's first garage and had the first plate glass windows in the village. He also sponsored the first baseball team here and was very proud of it. He was a progressive advocate and supporter of every worth while project in his community. Under the administration of Grover Cleveland, Mr. Lackey served as Tannersville's postmaster. He was a registered Democrat and a regular supporter of his party's policies and principles. During the World War he took part in the different campaigns on behalf of Liberty Loans, Red Cross and the like, and was awarded several certificates of merit by Congress and the President. He was an active fraternalist, belonging to Mount Tabor Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and being a charter member of his Knights of Pythias lodge.

Michael Lackey, Jr., married Julia Mary Weller, of Birmingham, England. They became the parents of the following children: 1. J. Frank Lackey (*q. v.*). 2. Robert Edmund Lackey, graduated from Tannersville schools and from Albany Business College, operated the Broadway Garage and the Blue Ribbon Garage, as well as the well-known Elka Park Garage, then became a sales representative of General Motors and one of the leading salesmen of Oldsmobile cars in the entire United States; he was contact man and vice-president of Powers Reproduction Corporation of New York City; he married Alicia Peck, of New York City, and they became the parents of two children, Robert Edmund Lackey, Jr., and Dorothy A. Lackey. 3. Charles Herbert Lackey, graduated from local schools and public schools in New York City, as well as from Wood's Business College, now associated with a surgical supply house, and a resident of East Orange, New Jersey; he married Edna Mackey, of Hunter, New York, and they have three children: Rose Edna, Marguerite Louise, and Doris Lackey. 4. Edward Walter Lackey, attended Tannersville schools, Albany Military Academy, Kingston Academy, and DeWitt Clinton High School, in New York City, took his degree of Bachelor of Laws at New York University, passed his bar examinations and began the practice of law at the age of twenty-one years; he married Elaine Brewer, of Tannersville, and they became the parents of two children, Bruce Edward and Margaret Elaine Lackey; Mr. Lackey died at the age of thirty-six years. 5. Mary Louise Lackey, graduated from local schools and Wadleigh High School, New York, as well as from Wood's Business College, associated for many years with her father in business in real estate and insurance, now operating the firm of M. Lackey, Jr., Incorporated, in partnership with her sister; she married Judd Bruce Doyle, of Clay Center, Kansas, and they became the parents of three children: Edward Thomas Doyle, Jerome Frank Doyle, and Walter Dayton Doyle. 6. Clara Estella Lackey, graduated from a New York City grammar school, Eastman Gaines Business School, and from Hunter College, in New York City, and is now associated with her sister, Mary Louise Lackey Doyle, in the real estate and insurance business.

The death of Michael Lackey, Jr., was an occasion of deep sorrow in Tannersville and wherever he was known. His achievements were many and constructive, his influence was widely felt while he lived, and the force of such a personality must continue active through the years after his earthly life.

JACOB WESSEL TEN BROECK—A member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of this region of New York State, Jacob Wessel Ten Broeck owns 750 acres of land, most of which is given over to fruit cultivation, constituting what is recognized to be one of the largest orchards in Columbia County, situated near Hudson.

Mr. Ten Broeck was born April 3, 1901, in Columbia County, New York, son of Wessel and Bertha (Hollenbeck) Ten Broeck. His father is a retired fruit farmer and banker.

Public schools provided Jacob Wessel Ten Broeck's early formal education, and he was graduated from Cornell University in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After a thorough preparation in agriculture at Cornell, Mr. Ten Broeck began his chosen work by assuming active management and control of the ancestral Ten Broeck farms, consisting of about 250 acres. That acreage, devoted mostly to fruit, was augmented by the present head of the farms until he has now trebled the size of the original land. His orchard is said to be Columbia County's second largest.

Occupied as he has been in this vital and basic occupation of farming, Mr. Ten Broeck has interested himself extensively in public affairs, business activities and general agricultural conditions. He is now past president of the New York State Horticultural Association, past secretary and now a director of the New York and New England Apple Growers' Association, and a director of the Farmers' National Bank and the Hudson Storage & Ice Company, of Hudson. He is a member of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce, the Dutch Arms Club, the Sigma Chi Sigma fraternity and the Free and Accepted Masons (in which he is affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter). He is a member of the New York State Emergency Council, and in a variety of ways his contribution to the life of his times is outstanding. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1929 Jacob Wessel Ten Broeck married Cornelia D. Parker, of New York State. They are the parents of two children: 1. Cornelia Ten Broeck, born in 1930. 2. Mary Elizabeth Ten Broeck, born in 1931.

JACOB CARL KOPPERGER—In the life and affairs of Columbia County, Jacob Carl Kopperger is not only keenly interested but has played no insignificant part in their progress. He is a native of Claverack, New York, born July 9, 1890, son of Daniel and Marie (Nickel) Kopperger.

After completing his education in the public schools of Columbia County, Mr. Kopperger set about making a livelihood. From 1904 to 1917 he was employed by the Stottville Mills. In the latter year he assumed the management of a large estate and was thus occupied until 1929, when he engaged in carpentry for a year, then being appointed postmaster of Stottville, in which office he now continues.

Mr. Kopperger is affiliated with Aquila Lodge, No. 700, of Hudson, New York, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; member of the Chapter, the Commandery, Knights Templar, and is a Past High Priest of Hudson Chapter, No. 6, the Royal Arch

Masons. He is a past president of the Hargreaves Fire Company, No. 2; past president Columbia County Firemen's Association; member of the National League of District Postmasters; a member of the County Unit Postmasters Association, and of the National Association of Postmasters. His religious affiliations are with the Episcopal Church, of which he is a vestryman.

In 1930, at Stottville, New York, Jacob Carl Kopperger married Augusta Tegtmeier, daughter of Carl and Agusta Tegtmeier.

MARTIN KIPP—Operating a two hundred-acre dairy farm near Hudson, Martin Kipp is one of Columbia County's substantial agriculturists.

Mr. Kipp was born September 14, 1876, in Germany, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Kipp, both now deceased. His father was a farmer. Local schools in his German birthplace provided Martin Kipp's early formal education, and he came in 1888 to America with his parents. Then only twelve years of age, he finished his schooling, helping in spare time with the farm work of his father, who later bought for him Martin Kipp's present farm. This two hundred-acre property is used for dairying, and Mr. Kipp keeps thirty-five milk cows and conducts what is recognized as one of the most modern dairy farms in Columbia County. Mr. Kipp also operates a gasoline filling station. He takes an interest in public affairs, being an independent Republican, is a member of Hudson Lodge, No. 787, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is affiliated with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1914, in Hudson, New York, Martin Kipp married Mary Costigan. They became the parents of several children: Margaret, married George Pinnatti; Walter, served one year in the United States Army; Catherine, married Laurence Haner, deceased, and has a daughter, Ann Shirley; William; Mary, married Donald St. John; Helen. Francis, who was the second child, died at the age of twenty-four.

WALKER LA ROWE—Widely known in Northville business circles, Walker La Rowe is engaged here in the manufacture of popular-priced men's lined and unlined leather gloves, carrying on his work under the name of the La Rowe Glove Company.

Mr. La Rowe was born October 9, 1894, in Mayfield, New York, son of Stephen and Sarah (Walker) La Rowe. His father, a native of Cayuga, New York, is now deceased. The mother, born in Aurora, is also deceased.

Public schools of Mayfield provided Walker La Rowe's early formal education, and he was graduated from Gloversville High School in 1911. He started at the bottom of the business ladder and successfully learned all the details of the glove trade from both the manufacturing and the business aspects, while still living in Mayfield. There he was associated with the glove house of Van Buren & Company and with other employers until 1919. In that year he started his own glove manufacturing business in Mayfield—the firm known as the La Rowe Glove Company,—which he removed, in 1924, to Northville. He has continued his work in Northville down to the time of writing, and is employing approximately 150 people in the making of a popular-priced line of men's lined and unlined leather gloves.

In addition to his business activities, which are of importance in his community and district, Mr. La Rowe is a foremost figure in political, civic and social life. He is a Republican in partisan alignment, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Eccentric Club, the Pine Brook Country Club, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, and Lodge No. 298, of the Free and Accepted Masons. Active in the Presbyterian Church, he serves on the boards of trustees and elders. In spare time Mr. La Rowe is fond of the out-of-doors, playing considerable golf when time permits, and also being successful as a horticulturist.

On July 19, 1913, Walker La Rowe married Mary Ines Close, of Mayfield, daughter of John Peter and Elizabeth (Goodemote) Close. The Close family is an old one in Fulton County, and Abraham Close was a pioneer glove manufacturer in Mayfield. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. La Rowe: 1. Elrow, born in 1916; became a student at Moody Bible Institute, in Chicago. 2. Woodrow W., born in 1918; attended Colgate University. 3. Roberta Mary, born in 1920; went to Beaver College, in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. 4. Carol Rowena, born in 1928; a student in Northville.

RICHARD HOLMES, SR.—Since the early years of the century, Richard Holmes, Sr., has been a dairy and fruit farmer in the town of Greenport, developing the fine farming property and dairy herd which he now owns. For many years he has been one of the influential figures in Greenport life, and in addition to his farming interests he is now serving as supervisor of the town.

Mr. Holmes was born at Ghent, Columbia County, on September 24, 1885, son of Jacob and Caroline (Bauer) Holmes, both of German birth. His father, the pioneer of the family in America, was a farmer in Columbia County until his death in 1901. The mother died in 1938.

Richard Holmes, Sr., received a public school education and in his youth spent about three years in the Atlantic Mills. This kind of work, however, was not to his liking, and as a consequence, when he was eighteen, he rented land in the town of Ghent and started farming

Walker La Rowe

on a small scale. At the age of twenty-four he settled in the town of Greenport, purchasing a farm of 130 acres, nucleus of his present property, which he has built up to more than two hundred acres over the course of years. Mr. Holmes specializes in fruit and dairy farming. He has a fine herd of pure-bred Holsteins and has always utilized the most modern methods in the operation of his dairy and farm.

During his residence here, he has taken an active part in the general affairs of Columbia County. He was for many years a justice of the peace in the town of Greenport, relinquishing this office when he was first elected supervisor in succession to Mr. Harrington for the term 1932-34. In 1940 he was again elected to the County Board of Supervisors from the town of Greenport, succeeding Mr. Briwa. He has also served on several other county boards and is recognized throughout the county as a capable and loyal public official.

Mr. Holmes is a member of Volunteer Fire Company, No. 2, at Greenport and held several offices in the company. He is Lutheran in religious faith. Although he is still active in the management of his fine farm, he has spent the winter months in Florida during recent years.

In 1913, Richard Holmes, Sr., married Anna Miller, of West Hoboken, New Jersey. They are the parents of four children: 1. Richard, Jr., born May 31, 1914, who spent two years at Cornell University. He married Ella B. Frick and has a son Richard and daughter Barbara Ann. 2. Jacob F., born February 6, 1918. 3. Marguerite, born June 15, 1920. 4. Roger, born January 26, 1926.

THE REV. JOHN FOX—Down some twenty years the Rev. John Fox has become an increasingly important and beloved figure in East Greenbush, New York. Coming here as a young man to serve as priest of The Church of the Holy Spirit, he entered heartily into the life of the place and became identified with movements and organizations that made for progress and the happiness of its people. He knows the citizenry and the history of the municipality, and has faith in its future. He is known by everyone and esteemed by all. His constructive contributions to local affairs, and his outlook and activities recognize no barrier of color, creed or racial origins.

The Rev. Fr. Fox was born at Troy, New York, August 16, 1887, son of James A. and Elizabeth (Kincaid) Fox, his father being connected with the police department of Troy. His education was acquired in St. Joseph's Academy, where he graduated with the class of 1905; St. John's University, Brooklyn, New York, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911, and Dunwoodie Theological Seminary, Yonkers, New York, where he was graduated in 1915. On May 29, 1915, the Rev. John Fox was ordained and went to the Cooperstown, New York, Church of Our Lady of the Lake. Later he served St. Peter's Church at Saratoga Springs. Then, as already indicated, in 1922, he came to The Church of the Holy Spirit at East Greenbush. This Catholic Church was founded September 22, 1922, and the corner stone of its edifice laid on October 7, 1923, by the Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, D. D., Bishop of Albany, New York; the first Mass was said April 8, 1924, and the church was formally dedicated July 12, 1924. A consideration of these dates discloses that the Rev. John Fox was somewhat the missionary in his coming to East Greenbush, and that the first of his many endeavors was the building of a place in which his people could worship. As a contemporary has said: "It is a great privilege and responsibility for a priest to build one church." The task was not accomplished here without difficulties and consecrated labors.

WALTER RANDALL WHITMAN—For years active in the affairs of Little Falls, Walter Randall Whitman is one of the better known citizens of the Capital Region.

Mr. Whitman was born June 25, 1887, at Little Falls, son of Walter W. Whitman and Emma (Randall) Whitman, M. D. His father was a manufacturer.

Public schools provided Walter Randall Whitman's early education, and after completing his high school studies in Little Falls High School he turned his attention to business affairs in his native city. In 1923 he became a partner in the Little Falls Credit Company and, in 1936, he was appointed manager of the Upstate Personal Loan Corporation. He continues in this work today, is a director of the Herkimer County Trust Company of Little Falls, and is one of the community's leading Republicans. He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the local Masonic Club, and is active in the Little Falls Presbyterian Church.

Walter Randall Whitman married (first), March 24, 1908, Margaret Petrie, who died in 1927. They were the parents of two children: 1. Natalie Whitman, now Mrs. McKusick, born in 1911. 2. Randall Petrie Whitman, born in 1913. Walter Randall Whitman married (second), January 5, 1937, Lela Lumley Feldmeier, widow of Harvey Feldmeier. She has four children of her first marriage: Lieutenant Allan Loyd Feldmeier, United States Marine Corps; Betty Jane Feldmeier, on the faculty of Cornell University; Robert Harvey Feldmeier, attending Princeton University; Edward Burrell Feldmeier, a student at Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut.

THE LITTLE FALLS "EVENING TIMES"——Distinguished as the only daily newspaper in Little Falls, the "Evening Times" was organized in 1886. On May tenth of that year it started operations as a daily paper, issued by a company formed on a coöperative basis. In 1891 the "Times" was purchased by John Crowley, who continued it as a publication of the Crowley Company, in which he was associated with his brother and sister. John Crowley retired from the corporation on June 3, 1940, and Charles D. Crowley is now president of the company, which is known as the Crowley Publishing Corporation, organized in August, 1928. The "Evening Times" has a circulation of approximately six thousand, and is published every evening under a news and editorial policy calling for political independence and non-partisanship.

ARTHUR L. PARSONS—For more than two decades Arthur L. Parsons has been identified with the distribution of motor cars, with headquarters and home at Central Bridge, New York. During this period he has won prominence as a business man and public official in Schoharie County, a man who long has contributed constructively to town, county and State affairs. He was born at Sharon, New York, May 26, 1872, son of Augustus and Mary (North) Parsons, and is the ninth generation of a notable Colonial family.

The original founder of the family Parsons was probably a cleric, the name being derived from the Latin *Persona,* the person who cares for the souls of parishioners. One Walter Parsons lived at Mulso, Ireland, in 1290. To America came:

I. Joseph Parsons, known as Cornet Joseph, from a military title he later bore as color-bearer and third in command in a British troop. He was of Devonshire, England, and came to America about 1635. He married Mary Bliss, and they had six children, including:

II. Joseph, or Esquire, Parsons, son of Joseph Parsons and Mary (Bliss) Parsons, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 1, 1647, died at Northampton, same State, in November, 1729. He married, March 17, 1669, Elizabeth Strong, and they were the parents of ten children, including:

III. Daniel Parsons, son of Joseph, or Esquire, and Elizabeth (Strong) Parsons, was born August 18, 1685, died January 27, 1774; he married, June 2, 1709, Abigail Cooley, and they had eight children, including:

IV. Aaron Parsons, son of Daniel and Abigail (Cooley) Parsons, was born June 2, 1712, died August 4, 1795. He married (first) Mercy Atkinson; (second) Experience Robinson, and was the father of eleven children, including:

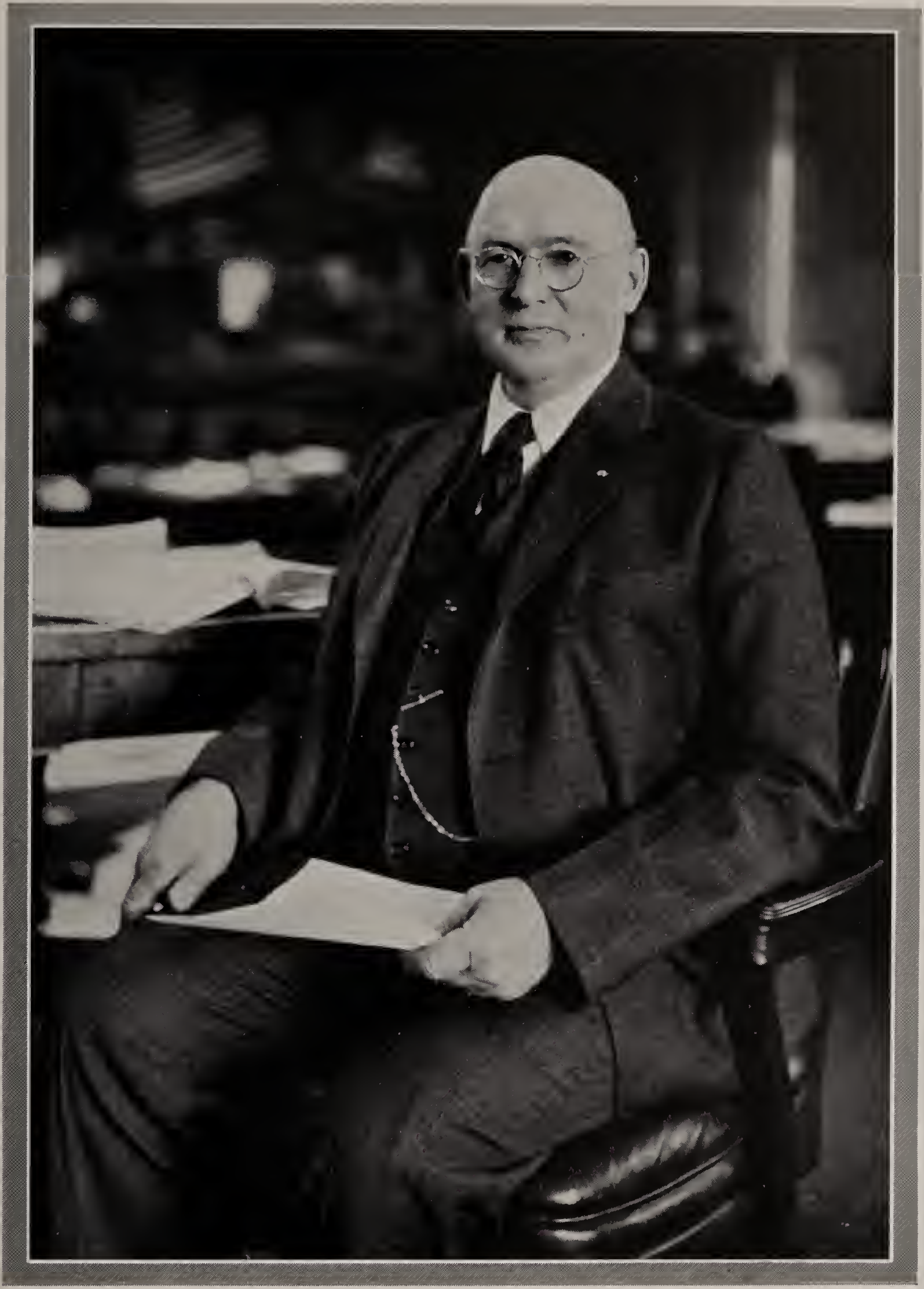
V. Elijah Parsons, son of Aaron and Mercy (Atkinson) Parsons, was born April 17, 1744, and died May 5, 1796, at Wilbraham, Massachusetts. He married (first) Eunice Cadwell; (second) Eunice Jennings.

VI. Elijah Parsons, son of Elijah and Eunice (Cadwell) Parsons, born September 10, 1779, died March 11, 1842; married Mary Best, and they had:

VII. Peter Parsons, son of Elijah and Mary (Best) Parsons, was born in Sharon, New York, March 25, 1802, died May 5, 1873. He married, May 10, 1825, Maria Simmons, born September 27, 1803, died in Sharon, May 11, 1875. Peter Parsons worked with his father as a carpenter, and later as a farmer in Sharon. They had:

VIII. Augustus Parsons, son of Peter and Maria (Simmons) Parsons, was born in Sharon, New York, January 2, 1828, and died here December 20, 1920. He was a farmer and justice of the peace here from 1860 to 1895, excepting for one year when he served as supervisor. He married, January 4, 1858, Mary North, native of Fly Creek, Otsego County, New York. They had eight children, of whom the seventh was:

IX. Arthur L. Parsons, seventh child of Augustus and Mary (North) Parsons, attended the public schools of his birthplace, Sharon, New York, and was graduated from the Cobleskill High School, where he won a gold medal for scholarship. As was not unusual at that time, he taught school for several years and then traveled on the road as a salesman for the Nye & Waite Company, of Auburn, New York, carpet and rug manufacturers. In 1918 he entered the automobile business as a representative of the Ford Motor Company, a connection that has since continued. Although he chose to make a small village his headquarters, this has not prevented him from building up a business that has totaled a million dollars a year, and his activities along this line are not only known in Schoharie and contiguous counties, but to the Ford Company and its agencies throughout the United States. Devotion to his enterprises has made large demands upon his time, but Mr. Parsons has long been interested in civic and political affairs. In 1936 he had the honor of being elected a member of the New York Assembly; in 1938 he was reëlected as representative from Schoharie County for a term ending in 1940. As a member of the New York Legislature he has sponsored and supported several significant acts of progressive legislation. Mr. Parsons is affiliated with Schoharie Valley Lodge, No. 491, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Cyprus Temple, Albany, New York, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Lutheran Church, at Central Bridge.



Arthur L. Parsons.

On January 30, 1895, Arthur L. Parsons married Mary L. Hutton, born at Cobleskill, April 17, 1875. She died July 18, 1940. She was a daughter of Abraham C. and Lucinda (Wessel) Hutton. Her father was born in Carlisle, and died in 1924; her mother, born in Argusville, New York, died in 1930. Abraham C. Hutton for many years operated a livery stable in Central Bridge and also owned and operated a farm near Sloansville, New York. Mrs. Parsons came to Central Bridge at the age of eight, and here she was educated and taught school prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were the parents of one son, Charles A., born at Central Bridge, January 30, 1909. He was educated in the local school and Cobleskill High School. He also attended Albany Business College and took several courses at the State Agricultural College, at Cobleskill. In 1929 he became associated with his father's automobile sales and service business at Central Bridge, and has been a partner in the firm, A. L. Parsons & Son, since 1930, operating the branch at No. 333 West Main Street, Amsterdam, where he resides. Charles A. Parsons married, in 1929, Olda Ottman, of Minaville, daughter of Menzo Ottman, and they have two children: i. Lewis, born May 24, 1934. ii. Polly, born August 22, 1936.

WILLIAM B. DINEHART—For many years William B. Dinehart has been known as one of the substantial dairy farmers of Columbia County, operating the Copake dairy farm, which has long been in possession of the family. He has also developed interests in other fields, such as recreations, the principal one of which is going out in the field with rod and gun; he has always owned, and hunts with, a string of valuable hunting dogs, all of which are thoroughbreds. With his recent election as president of the Hudson River Trust Company at Hudson he heads one of the principal financial institutions of the county.

Mr. Dinehart was born at Copake on May 18, 1883, son of Franklin Dinehart, a dairy farmer, who died in 1918, and Henrietta (Link) Dinehart. He is a descendant of Stephen Dinehart, who received a grant of land from Chancellor Livingston in Columbia County and founded the line here. Since his day his descendants have been tillers of the soil.

William B. Dinehart was educated in the public schools of Columbia County and at Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie. He has been engaged in dairy farming since he was twenty years old, beginning with his father, the late Franklin Dinehart early in the present century. Since his father's death he has owned and managed the old family farm at Copake, where he maintains a herd of pedigreed Holsteins numbering about sixty-five cows, ample pasture lands and barns and dairy facilities completely equipped in modern style.

Mr. Dinehart is a member of the Dairymen's League and for many years was a member of the New York State Holstein Breeders' Association. An able business man as well as a successful farmer, his judgment has always been valued by associates and his election as president of the Hudson River Trust Company at Hudson reflects his position in Columbia County and acknowledged qualifications for the large financial responsibilities he has now assumed. As president of this institution he heads one of the oldest banks in Columbia County.

In addition to his business and farming interests, Mr. Dinehart is affiliated with the Masonic Order and is a member of several local clubs. He is a deacon of the Dutch Reformed Church at Copake.

In 1904 he married Edna M. Vosburgh of Columbia County.

HOWARD MALCOLM LYNK—One of the most assuring features of the present day life of our country is the number of its substantial citizens who retain their independence and march on their unhurried ways to permanence and efficient success in their chosen fields of endeavor. "They are the salt of the earth." Such a one was the late Howard Malcolm Lynk, of Leesville, Schoharie County, whose years were more than threescore and ten, almost eighty in fact, who found opportunity in the family homestead established by his father when the son was eight years old. He made the place one of the outstanding farms in the county and fathered a son who carries on the tradition founded by his forebears.

Mr. Lynk was born near Leesville, New York, on November 11, 1861, amid the sounds of Civil War alarms. He attended the district schools and did such chores as he was able, for during the aftermath of that national conflict agriculture and business suffered from financial depressions indirectly caused by the rehabilitation period and the readjustment of the affairs of our country. Upon the death of his father he took over the family estate and made what he could of the old homestead. The elder man had seen the time when New York agriculture was based upon the growing of wheat, a crop that soon went West to the prairie lands of the Middle West. Howard Malcolm Lynk was responsible for changing the farming over to dairying, wherein the grains were grown to produce milk and sent to the market in this form rather than as general crops in competition with the more fertile regions of the United States. Dairying is a highly specialized industry, but he learned it well, and today the original one hundred and twenty-five acres feeds a large herd of

Guernsey and Holstein cows, high-grade "milkers," that are a steady source of profit. General farming has been centered upon the production of hay, grains, pasturage and home requirements. The estate, one of the finest of its kind in this region, possesses its big barns and other buildings and has about it a neatness and air of prosperity that is highly impressive. How well the establishment in all its parts has been kept up-to-date or even ahead of the times, by father and son, is evidenced in the extensive use of electricity. An old windmill still stands upon the place, but it has not been in use for many years. Electricity not only lights the home and all buildings, but it furnishes power for numerous tasks, and there is even an electrified fence around the entire barnyard to keep the cows within bounds. Milking by electricity is also a feature. The creation of the splendid farm was not achieved without hard work and the overcoming of difficulties. In 1924, for example, fire destroyed the big barn with its animals and all kinds of farm equipment and machinery, but it was replaced by a better building, finer animals and improved implements.

However interesting the story of a farm may be, the annals of the family that made the farm is the more important. The father of Howard Malcolm Lynk was Austin Lynk, born January 31, 1821, at Germantown, Columbia County, New York, and who died November 18, 1894. He and three brothers came to Leesville, Schoharie County as young men. Austin worked an Otsego County place for two years before buying a Leesville farm. This he traded, in 1860, for the present estate of some one hundred and twenty-five acres. Austin Lynk married Sarah Platner, a native of Otsego County, where she was born December 28, 1820, and died December 1, 1885. They were the parents of six children: 1. Albert, born March 24, 1846; died in Albany, New York, May 9, 1900; married, in April, 1866, Elizabeth Winnie, who died November 18, 1900. 2. Eugene P., born August 7, 1849, died at Sharon Springs, October 6, 1914; married, November 13, 1872, Sarah J. Van Ness, who died in 1924. 3. Jonas A., born September 1, 1851, died at Albany, May 21, 1910; married, January 2, 1878, Ella Hone, who died October 26, 1940, in Germantown, Columbia County. 4. William A., born July 22, 1854, died March 28, 1889; married Idella Van Ness, a sister of Sarah J. (Van Ness) Lynk, on March 13, 1882. 5. George A., born September 6, 1859, died unmarried, April 26, 1883. 6. Howard Malcolm, of this review

In the parsonage of the Sharon Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, October 17, 1889, Howard Malcolm Lynk married Minnie Susan Foote, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Edward White, a cousin. The former Minnie Susan Foote is a member of a notable Colonial family, the lineage of which is as follows: Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Deming) Foote, both born in England, came to Wethersfield, Connecticut, the former of whom died in 1644. They had seven children, among whom was Robert, who married Sarah Potter. He died March 6, 1751; of their seven children was Daniel, who married Sarah Thompson, of Branford, Connecticut; he died in 1742. Among their seven children was Jacob, who married Lucy Bunnell, and they lived in Branford and Canton, Connecticut. In 1779 he was appointed a lieutenant, serving in the American Revolution; died March 23, 1786. They were the parents of four children, among whom was Jacob, who married Sarah Wilcox, who died February 3, 1848. They were of Burlington, Connecticut, and had ten children; their son, Ira, married Nancy Mix, and died February 19, 1862; they were of Burlington, Connecticut, and had seven children, among whom, Shuble Dyer Foote, born at Burlington, Connecticut, June 2, 1825, died at Sharon Springs, New York, April 30, 1891. He married, October 31, 1858, Sarah Herron, born October 11, 1837, at Maryland, Delaware County, New York, died November 24, 1911, at Sharon Springs. Shuble Dyer Foote was a sawmill operator, and was also noted for his capable driving of a team of eight horses on Cherry Valley Turnpike busses. In later life he drove a six-horse bus from Sharon Springs Station to the famous Pavilion Hotel.

Minnie Susan (Foote) Lynk, daughter of Shuble Dyer and Sarah (Herron) Foote, was born at Burlington, Connecticut, January 30, 1865.

The children of Howard Malcolm and Minnie Susan (Foote) Lynk were four, all born at Leesville, New York, on the old Lynk homestead farm: 1. Morgan Austin Lynk, born September 19, 1893, attended local school and was graduated from Albany Business College in 1912. He was manager of the Cobleskill store of A. E. Pratt Company, wheat and grains, wholesale and retail, until 1917. During the World War he was employed with Remington Arms Company at Ilion, New York; then was local electrical contractor until 1934, when he was appointed postmaster of Sharon Springs, a post he still occupies. He is a Democrat and prominent member of Sharon Springs Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He married Ruth Schaffer, of Lawyersville, Schoharie County, and they have two children: i. Malcolm, born November 16, 1917, now engaged in construction work on a viaduct at Fishkill, New York. ii. Bernie M., born August 16, 1925, attending local school. 2. Sarah Blanche, born September 23, 1895, married Kenneth Baxter, and they have one son: i. J. Kenneth Baxter. 3. Charles Willard Lynk, born August 28, 1896, attended local schools and Sharon Springs High School. He helped his father on the farm and at his father's death assumed full responsibility. He is a member of the New York Farm Bureau, Dairymen's League, and Sharon Springs Lodge

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of Maccabees. He married, October 18, 1927, Ruth Dygert, daughter of George H. and Jennie (Graves) Dygert, natives of Frey's Bush, town of Minden, New York, near Marshallville, where Mrs. Lynk still retains her membership in the Baptist Church, and where her father, born in 1870, and her mother, born in 1875, still reside. They are the parents of two sons: i. Willard George, born October 8, 1929. ii. Robert Eugene, born November 12, 1932. 4. Agnes Minnie, born December 19, 1906; married Edward A. Draisey, State Trooper connected with the Fishkill Barracks; they reside at Wappingers Falls.

Howard Malcolm Lynk died on June 19, 1940, at Wappingers Falls, while he and his wife were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Agnes Minnie (Lynk) Draisey, and he lies buried in the Leesville Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted jointly in the homestead by two former pastors of the Leesville Baptist Church, the Rev. A. P. Phillips, of Troy, New York, and Rev. A. C. Blinzinger, of Buffalo, Wyoming County. The old Leesville Baptist Church where Mr. and Mrs. Lynk had worshipped and worked for the good of the community had closed its doors more than a decade before. So also has passed Leesville as a post office village, the center of trade in the town of Sharon, and in the life of which he had been an outstanding figure. He had been a member of the local lodge of Maccabees for thirty-seven years. Many things had happened in his almost fourscore years —locally, in the county and State, and nationally. He had been no idle spectator of marching progress but had done his part to further the advance, all without finding it necessary to leave the farm which he cultivated since well before the turn of the present century. Mr. Lynk was eulogized by neighbors not only as a resourceful, successful farmer and business man, but equally as a gentleman of integrity, enterprise and helpfulness, an exemplar of the finest principles of American citizenship.

E. ELLSWORTH SCATCHARD—Elmer Ellsworth Scatchard was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but nearly all his life was spent in New York State and his name will long be associated with business interests there.

He was born on March 26, 1884. He bore the full name of his father, who owned a knitting mill, manufacturing woolen socks. His mother was Fannie (Harmer) Scatchard and his parents moved from Philadelphia to Oneonta when he was only five years old. Fannie (Harmer) Scatchard died November 19, 1940. She and her husband were the parents of the following children: Elmer Ellsworth, of whom further; Ethel, a Red Cross worker in canteens in France during the First World War, died in service and is buried near Paris, France; Myrtle, now Mrs. Barton Lane, lives in Oneonta; Dr. George, a research chemist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Grace, now Mrs. Philip Garland, of Tacoma, Washington.

E. Ellsworth Scatchard attended the State Normal School, where he was a member of the Delphic Society, then entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and in due time became a graduate pharmacist.

He immediately found a position with the Church & Scott pharmacy at Cooperstown. After three years of practical experience he bought the Disbrow drug store in Oneonta and gave it the impersonal title, the City Drug Store, but in 1919 he sold to Shippey & Brinkman and moved to Milford, New York. After four years retirement he longed for activity again. He purchased and operated the Oneonta Bottling Works but soon found the profession for which he had been trained calling him once more. On March 5, 1927, he and Fenton B. Neal (*q. v.*) opened a pharmacy at No. 149 Main Street, Oneonta, and as it was conducted with courtesy, efficiency and the most skilful compounding it proved successful; it is still under the auspices of the Scatchard estate, and Fenton B. Neal, and is known as the City Drug Store.

E. Ellsworth Scatchard was conscious of the stern demands of his profession on his time and was faithful to these demands. When opportunity provided he liked to fraternize with the Masons, the Rotarians, the Oneonta Club and he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and attended St. James' Episcopal Church. His hobbies, when leisure allowed, were hunting and fishing, and, for indoor pastime, stamp collecting, with all its historic associations.

On July 18, 1906, E. Ellsworth Scatchard married Laura P. Bundy, of Cooperstown. Their children were: Jean Marcy, who married, on August 17, 1929, Bruce E. Shear, of Delmar, and Dr. G. Newton Scatchard, of Orchard Park, New York, who married, on June 30, 1932, Florence E. Ross, of Lowville, New York. Dr. G. Newton Scatchard and his wife are the parents of two children: 1. George, born August 18, 1936. 2. Edwin, born November 10, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Shear are the parents of: 1. Barbara Jean, born December 28, 1930. 2. George Ellsworth, born January 26, 1933. 3. Carolyn Marcy, born December 4, 1937.

Mr. Scatchard died suddenly on January 12, 1940, of cerebral hemorrhage superinduced by influenza. He was a genial man, of natural good-will, of commercial capability and acknowledged integrity, all of which made his passing a matter of general regret in Oneonta.

ELMER ELLSWORTH MUNSON—In 1900 Elmer Ellsworth Munson began the development of the summer resort at Windham which is now one of the best known of its kind in this area of Greene County. As a business man and civic leader he has been closely identified with the progress of the town.

Mr. Munson was born at Windham on January 8, 1862, son of Silas Lewis Munson, farmer and pioneer resort proprietor of Windham, who was born at North Settlement in 1828 and died in 1912, and Phœbe (Fuller) Munson. He is a descendant of Thomas Munson, who came to this country from England and first settled in Connecticut. Afterward, with his son, Solomon, he removed to Greene County, New York, and founded the family here. Solomon's son was Jairus Munson, who married Anna (Hart) Munson, and their son was Lemuel Munson, Greene County farmer, school teacher and school examiner, who married Hannah Lewis, daughter of Silas and Katharine (Frayer) Lewis and granddaughter of Silas Lewis, Sr. Lemuel and Hannah (Lewis) Munson were the grandparents of Elmer Ellsworth Munson, who was named after the first officer of rank killed in the Civil War while serving with the Union forces, at Alexandria, Virginia.

Elmer Ellsworth Munson was educated in the Windham district schools and in early life was a farmer, following this vocation at Windham for twenty years. In 1900 he acquired a piece of property on South Street, previously a potato field, and there began the erection of houses for a summer resort. On this foundation he has since developed a fine modern resort with accommodations for 120 people in its two main buildings and seven cottages and furnishing employment to a staff of fifteen. Facilities for all outdoor recreations are available, including tennis, shuffle board, ping pong, swimming, riding and golf.

Mr. Munson has long been active in the civic life of Windham and in promoting the development of the town. He took a leading rôle in the organization of the Windham bank and the Windham Country Club and was a prime mover in establishing the volunteer fire department, Windham Hose Company, No. 1, and in bringing electric lights into Windham some years ago. He has frequently served in public office and is a past member of the Windham Board of Education and the county board of supervisors and past road commissioner. He is widely known in the county and has the respect of all who know him. Mr. Munson is a Republican in politics and a member of the Windham Country Club. He is also a member of the Windham Methodist Church, in which he has served as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school for many years.

On August 29, 1883, he married (first) Lillie Hollenbeck, of Schoharie County, who died on February 13, 1905. They became the parents of six children: 1. Martha, who was educated at Oneonta Normal School, Chicago Missionary Training School and New York State Teachers' College at Albany, where she took the degree of Bachelor of Arts and is now a teacher in the public school at Newark, New York. 2. Alice Estelle, a graduate of Oneonta Normal School and St. Luke's Hospital, who died on February 4, 1938. 3. John B., who was graduated from Syracuse University with the degree of Electrical Engineer and is now vice-president of the Western Division of the Bankers' Indemnity Company of Newark, New Jersey, at Chicago. He married Iola Wilson and has two sons: William Wilson and John. 4. Silas Lewis, who was also graduated from Syracuse University with the degree of Electrical Engineer and at the time of his death on August 16, 1925, was assistant superintendent of the Bethlehem Steel Company. 5. Helen, a graduate of Oneonta Normal School, who married Harold Glass, of Yonkers, New York. 6. Emma, who was adopted in childhood by an aunt, Mrs. Patterson. She was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Mt. Holyoke College, took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Library Science at Columbia University, and is now a librarian at Peekskill, New York. On October 4, 1906, Mr. Munson married (second) Rose A. Graham, of Windham. They have four children: 1. Margaret, who was graduated from Oneonta Normal School and took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Maine. She is associated with her father in his business. 2. Phœbe, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, now a trained nurse at Greene County Memorial Hospital; married John H. Garraghan, an aviator. 3. Elmer, who was graduated from Cobleskill Agricultural School and is associated with his father. He married Unis Traphagen. 4. Harriett, who was graduated from Rochester (New York) Athenæum and Mechanics Institute, afterward attended Morans Business College in Kingston, New York, and was married to William A. Davis, now a teacher in the public schools of Benton, Pennsylvania. They have one son, William A. Davis, Jr.

WILLIAM M. EATON—Carrying on a general practice of law in Hudson, William M. Eaton is recognized as one of Columbia County's leading professional men.

Mr. Eaton was born April 10, 1905, in Hudson, New York, son of Martin B. and Mary (Sullivan) Eaton. His father, who was only six weeks old when his parents came to America from his birthplace, in County Roscommon, Ireland, became a merchant in Hudson and so continued for many years. The grandfather, Martin Eaton, was the pioneer of this branch of the Eaton family in America.

Public and parochial schools provided William M. Eaton's early education, and he afterwards was a student at Villanova College, where he was graduated in 1923.

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He then entered Albany Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in Columbia County, in 1929, he started the practice of his profession at Kinderhook. Later he came to Hudson, forming a law partnership with William E. J. Connor, with whom he continued until 1936. Since that year he has carried on his practice under his own name. Mr. Eaton has interested himself in the general affairs of his profession as a member of the Columbia County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

He has participated also in public affairs in Hudson, notably as corporation counsel of the city. In 1941 he was appointed by the Common Council of the city of Hudson to fill the office of city judge. He is a Past Exalted Ruler of Lodge No. 787 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and District Warden of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1931 William M. Eaton married Louise K. Hester, of Hudson, New York.

CORNELIUS TEN EYCK VAN HORNE—Long active in business and civic affairs in Fultonville, Cornelius Ten Eyck Van Horne is extensively engaged in the hardware business in this community.

Mr. Van Horne was born April 25, 1890, in Florida, Montgomery County, New York, son of Abram Lincoln and Henrietta (Hoff) Van Horne. His family is an old and notable one, according to family records, Cornelius Ten Eyck Van Horne being of the sixth generation in direct line of descent from Sheriff Abram Van Horne on the paternal line and of the sixth generation in direct descent from the same forebear on the mother's side of his house. This Sheriff Abram Van Horne was born August 28, 1738, in New Jersey, and died March 5, 1810, in Van Hornesville, Herkimer County, New York. Along the paternal line the descent is as follows: Abram Van Horne's son, Cornelius Van Horne, was born November 27, 1764, and died there in 1831 after a useful career as a farmer; he married Elizabeth Young, born October 14, 1772, in Florida, New York, died there September 30, 1846. Their son, Daniel Van Horne, born May 19, 1801, died December 24, 1889, was a farmer; he married Sabra Hewett, born June 8, 1801, in Florida, New York, died December 10, 1888. Their son, Cornelius D. Van Horne, born April 19, 1826, in Florida, died July 19, 1872, in the same town, was a farmer; he married Adaline Van Horne, who was a daughter of Cornelius Ten Eyck Van Horne. and his wife, Mary (Kinler) Van Horne and a granddaughter of Richard and Cornelia (Ten Eyck) Van Horne, the former of whom was a son of the original Sheriff Abram Van Horne and his wife, Hannah (Hoff) Van Horne. Cornelius D. and Adaline (Van Horne) Van Horne were the parents of Abram Lincoln Van Horne, Cornelius Ten Eyck Van Horne's father.

Abram Lincoln Van Horne was born August 10, 1861, in Florida, New York, on the old homestead of Abram Van Horne, who cleared the land and built a log cabin here in 1771 and later became sheriff of Tryon County. He attended the district school in Florida until he was fifteen years old, and until he was eighteen he remained on the home farm. He then attended Albany Normal School, taught school himself, and, when elected county clerk of Montgomery County, removed to Fultonville in 1912. Later he served as postmaster of Fultonville, beginning in 1922. On August 30, 1887, in Glen, New York, Abram L. Van Horne married Henrietta Hoff, daughter of William and Maria Amelia (Shelp) Hoff. She was born October 10, 1863, in Glen, where her father lived from 1825 to 1907.

Their one son, Cornelius Ten Eyck Van Horne, attended public schools at Mill Point, the District No. 9 School in the town of Glen, then became a student at Albany Business College, in Albany. His first employment was in the hardware business in Fultonville. Beginning that work in 1914, he became engaged in a general hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and farm equipment business, and was from the outset eminently successful in his undertakings. Working with the hardware firm of Kurlbaum & Richter, Mr. Van Horne joined with Rufus Richtmyer in 1914 and purchased a half interest in the firm of Brace & Richtmyer. Mr. Brace retired and later Mr. Van Horne bought Mr. Richtmyer's interest in the firm and proceeded to operate it independently. This business today, under Mr. Van Horne's capable guidance, has become one of the leading enterprises of its kind in Fultonville and this region of New York State.

Mr. Van Horne was also active some years ago, from 1926 to 1930, in the conduct of an oil business, serving as vice-president of Richtmyer & Van Epps, Inc., selling gasoline and oil at wholesale. A Republican in his political views, Mr. Van Horne has interested himself consistently in community affairs in Fultonville, where he served as postmaster from 1931 to 1937. He is a member of the Fultonville Fish and Game Club, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Grange and the Free and Accepted Masons. He is active in the Fultonville Reformed Church, serving as an elder and was for twenty years superintendent of the Sunday school.

Cornelius Ten Eyck Van Horne married, February 27, 1915, in Fultonville, New York, Daisy Carolyn Benton. born in the town of Root, Montgomery County, New York, October 17, 1889, daughter of Alonzo and Luetta (Wagner) Benton, of Fultonville. Her father was born in Lockport and her mother in Root. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horne became the parents of one daughter, Margaretta Van Horne, who was born December 7, 1918, in Fultonville, and was graduated in 1935 from Fultonville High School.

GEORGE B. WILKINS—The firm of George B. Wilkins & Sons is widely known, not only in Kinderhook, but throughout this district of New York State. The head of this business, George B. Wilkins, a native of Kinderhook, born here April 7, 1875, is recognized as one of the leading figures in the life of Columbia County. His parents, George W. and Mary E. (Birckmayer) Wilkins, were greatly respected and regarded with high esteem by the people generally of this district. The father was a builder, contractor and merchant. He came from Mayfield, Fulton County, New York, in his early manhood and settled in Kinderhook, which community honored him during his lifetime with the offices of school trustee, mayor of the village, and supervisor of the town, in each of which offices he served successively for several terms. He was also prominent and honored in Masonic and Grange circles. He died in 1913 at the age of seventy-three years. The mother, Mary E. (Birckmayer) Wilkins, was born in Kinderhook and died there in 1936 at the age of eighty-seven years.

Public schools of Kinderhook provided George B. Wilkins' early education. He became associated with his father in the building and contracting business, continuing with the elder man along those lines until 1892. In that year the Kinderhook & Hudson Railroad—a new project—was built through the village of Kinderhook, and the Wilkins family went into the retail coal business, in which they recognized a demand for their services. While maintaining the coal business, they began dealing also in other supplies, and are now operating a fully equipped modern coal, lumber and general builders' supplies yard together with a modernly equipped plant for wholesaling and retailing petroleum products. In 1940 a branch office and yard was also opened at Chatham, New York. George B. Wilkins & Sons are now the distributing agents of all Atlantic Refining Company products in Columbia County. The business was continued under the name of George W. Wilkins & Son until 1937, when it was changed to George B. Wilkins & Son, Mr. Wilkins having admitted to partnership with him that year his son, James H. Wilkins. This partnership continued until 1940, at which time the youngest son, John N. Wilkins, was also taken into the partnership and the firm name changed to George B. Wilkins & Sons.

In addition to his activities along these lines, George B. Wilkins is a director of the National Union Bank, of Kinderhook, and a director of the Valatie Savings & Loan Association. Mr. Wilkins has also interested himself in civic and social affairs. In young manhood he served as town clerk of Kinderhook. During the World War period he served on different boards and committees. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Past Master of Valatie Lodge, No. 362, and Past High Priest of Kinderhook Chapter, No. 264, Royal Arch Masons. Despite the fact that he has been connected with practically every worth-while project that has been undertaken in Kinderhook and has done much to promote the community's growth and development, Mr. Wilkins has limited his club affiliations to membership in the Columbia Golf and Country Club, and refrained from the extensive club memberships that are sought by so many men, feeling that his time belongs principally to his business and community responsibilities, with a little golf now and then.

In 1902 George B. Wilkins married Mary L. Nink, a native of his home village. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. George F. Wilkins, born in 1907, graduated from Holy Cross College in 1928, and from Harvard Medical School in 1932. He married Marion McEvoy, of Albany, New York, and they became the parents of one child, George Wilkins, IV. 2. James H. Wilkins, born in 1911, graduated from the Christian Brothers Academy and Manhattan College, took postgraduate work at Columbia University, New York City. 3. John N. Wilkins, born in 1917, graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, of Albany, New York, the Albany Business College, and also attended Syracuse University.

CHARLES P. BRATE—On January 21, 1941, Charles P. Brate celebrated his fifty-seventh year as the owner of a printing establishment in Albany. This is an achievement of most notable character. An interesting feature of this record is the fact that his two plants have been on Hudson Avenue. Through good years and bad, booms and panics, he has not merely held his own but has advanced, broadened the scope of his production, always seeking improvement in equipment and work.

Mr. Brate was born at Feura Bush, Albany County, New York, March 22, 1863, son of Samuel Kissam and Sarah (Hotaling) Brate, both natives of Feura Bush. His mother was born October 22, 1836. His father, born June 27, 1839, was a prominent figure in the Albany life of his time, esteemed by all. He had his farm in the country and a livery stable in the capital city. As a staff officer of the distinguished Jackson Corps, of Albany, for one year he was the chief official of the Fourth of July parade, always a notable event in Albany city life. His death occurred on June 7, 1906, and hundreds mourned his passing.

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Charles P. Brate completed his academic education in Albany schools, in 1877 taking the gold medal for general scholarship, and also won the gold medal for proficiency in arithmetic. As a lad he learned something of agriculture, but when it came to the deciding upon a career, he chose printing. He has never regretted that choice, although his apprenticeship was hard. On January 21, 1884, or about a month before he had reached his majority, Charles P. Brate started a printing business at No. 391 Broadway, Albany, on the Hudson Avenue corner, with a capital of $103. He moved his headquarters to Nos. 61-63 Hudson Avenue in 1893, when the Public Market Company put up a five-story building. Increases in his business required more room, so he took in Nos. 65-67 Hudson Avenue, making some ten thousand square feet of floor space. The address now reads Nos. 61-67 Hudson Avenue.

Speed has been a watchword with Mr. Brate, and nothing but the fastest presses will serve his purpose, and for the very practical reason that "fast presses save costs to the customer," and of course they make for earlier delivery. Looking at the record: Mr. Brate fifty-six years ago "kicked" and hand-fed two thousand cards in one hour on a Pearl Press, a feat unequalled. With the improvement of printing equipment he has kept pace down the years, and is happy to let mechanical efficiency supplant dexterity of hand and foot. Eighteen years ago he went to the expense of buying two of the fastest presses of the type best suited for his work; six years ago he purchased two more that were larger and faster. So recently as 1939 Mr. Brate secured another press of still larger bed and greater speed. If something faster is brought out in the future, Charles P. Brate will have it. For many years he has called his establishment "The Albany Quick Printer" which exactly describes his plant and himself.

Mr. Brate has always given his work his first and complete attention; nothing is permitted to interfere with quick delivery of his printing. It is one of the reasons for his success. He is a large stockholder in the State Bank of Albany and the National Commercial Bank. He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In Monticello, New York, Charles P. Brate married (first), August 1, 1888, Mary Frances Pendell, born in Dunkirk, New York, February 4, 1863, who died February 4, 1923. They were the parents of five children: 1. Charlotte, born May 18, 1890. 2. Charles F., born October 18, 1891. 3. Dorothy, born June 26, 1895. 4. Margaret, born August 29, 1896. 5. Elizabeth, born January 5, 1903, died February 8, 1920.

Mr. Brate married (second), June 25, 1924, in Albany, New York, Grace Sutherland, born in Hamilton, Canada.

LEWIS W. MUNSON—As proprietor of the summer resort at Windham with which the family name has long been associated, Lewis W. Munson is well known in Greene County. He comes of an old Greene County family and succeeded his father in the ownership of the farm and resort property which he now operates.

Mr. Munson was born at Windham on December 11, 1875, son of Silas Lewis and Phœbe (Fuller) Munson. He is a grandson of Lemuel Munson, a farmer, school teacher and school examiner, and Hannah (Lewis) Munson, who was a daughter of Silas and Katharine (Frayer) Lewis and a granddaughter of Silas Lewis, Sr. Lemuel Munson was the son of Jairus and Anna (Hart) Munson, both of Greene County, and Jairus was the son of Solomon Munson, who came here with his father, Thomas, from Connecticut. Thomas Munson was born in England. Silas Lewis Munson, the father, was born in 1828 at North Settlement, town of Windham, and at the age of fourteen moved to the present family farm. Here he first established a summer resort in 1875 and continued the enterprise in conjunction with his farming. He died in 1912 at the age of eighty-four.

Lewis W. Munson, after a public school education, immediately joined his father in business and since the latter's death in 1912 has been sole proprietor of both the farm and the resort. He has, besides the large main resort building, three eight-room cottages and two two-room cottages, with total accommodations for 120 people. All recreational features, including tennis, baseball and shuffleboard are available, as well as swimming, and a fine nine-hole golf course adjoins the farm. The farm property itself consists of five hundred acres of fine land. A herd of about eighty graded cattle is maintained and some sheep are raised, all stock being fed with roughage from the farm. Mr. Munson's son, Esmond, is in charge of farming operations. Seventeen people in all are employed on the property, and all farming equipment is of the latest modern type.

In addition to these interests, Mr. Munson is president of the Windham Creamery. He has been quite active in local affairs generally and is president of the Windham Country Club. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a member of the Methodist Church, serving as treasurer of the Windham church.

On March 5, 1896, Mr. Munson married (first) Eva West, of Windham. They became the parents of five children: 1. Leah, a graduate of local schools, who married Leslie Tompkins, of Yonkers, New York, and has two sons: Robert and Richard. 2. Alvah, who is engaged in the grocery business in Windham; married, November 10, 1940, Florence Muller, of Roxbury, New York. 3. Esmond, associated with his father in the management of the home farm and resort. He married Gladys Distro and has one son, Harold, now attending Windham High School. 4. Richard, who is engaged in the grocery and insurance business in Windham. He married Vanessa Jones, of Oswego, and has one daughter, Phyllis. 5. Dorothy, who married Charles Cammer and has one child, Chelton. On October 11, 1919, Mr. Munson married (second) Jeannette Texido, of Little Neck, Long Island.

BEVERLY GORDON MILLS—Engaged mainly in fruit farming operations, Beverly Gordon Mills was widely known in his home community of Kinderhook and throughout Columbia County. He had utilized every modern device for combating germs, insects and other pests that usually make fruit farming so difficult, and had come to be regarded as an authority on horticultural method.

Mr. Mills was born June 24, 1900, at Gloversville, Fulton County, New York, son of William C. and Anna (Potter) Mills. His father, who lived in Gloversville, was one of Fulton County's most distinguished citizens, serving as district attorney and county judge and being otherwise prominently connected with county affairs until his death in 1936. The mother, Mrs. Anna (Potter) Mills, came from Connecticut. She died in 1914.

Beverly G. Mills received his early schooling under private tutors, later attending the Lawrenceville Preparatory School, the University of California and Cornell University. College and university extension courses of a special nature specially prepared him for taking up his work as a fruit raiser. It was in 1923 that Mr. Mills came to Columbia County, here buying the Clapp farm, consisting of about one hundred acres. Afterward he added to his land holdings by the purchase of further acreage, and his 135-acre farm was modernly equipped in every way.

In addition to his work along these lines, Mr. Mills was a director of the Federal Land Bank. He was a member and director of the Pomological Association, and was widely known for his successes with fruit farming activities. He made addresses on the radio on subjects related to horticulture and farming. Active in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he was a member of the vestry and chairman of the building committee.

In 1928 Beverly G. Mills married Frances Lewis Gifford, *née* Marsh. His wife, by a previous marriage, was the mother of two children, Frances and Marion Gifford. Mr. Mills passed away October 26, 1940.

R. MONELL HERZBERG—Shortly after the turn of the century, R. Monell Herzberg established himself in the practice of law at Hudson, New York. The years have brought him a fine clientele and reputation, and an appreciation of the services rendered before the bar and in public life. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, June 16, 1880, son of Erdmann Augustus and Mary (Waldron) Herzberg. His father, a native of Prussia and a descendant of one of the early Prime Ministers of that country, was a professional musician who died in 1906. His mother was a member of an old New York State family, some of her ancestors coming to America as early as 1635, and being among the settlers of the city of Hudson in 1785. Charles P. Waldron, his grandfather, was a descendant of Resolved Waldron, the first of the family line in America, coming here in 1654. Resolved Waldron was associated with Peter Stuyvesant in the governing of New Amsterdam, now New York City.

After attending local schools and being taught by private tutors, R. Monell Herzberg entered the Albany School of Law, from which he was graduated. As soon as he had reached his majority he passed the required examinations and was admitted to the bar in 1901. That same year he began a general practice of the law at Hudson which has since been continued with exceptional abilities and success. He has been engaged extensively in the trial of cases and with the preparation and argument of appeals in the Appellate Division and Court of Appeals. He was a partner of County Judge Duntz for sixteen years and had associated with him as a partner Kenneth R. Garrison for five years, but never a partnership more enjoyed than that which has existed between himself and his son, R. Waldron Herzberg since 1933.

Mr. Herzberg is a member of the Columbia County Bar Society and the New York State Bar Association. He served the city of Hudson as Commissioner of Public Works and twice as corporation counsel. He is affiliated with the Delta Chi fraternity, the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Commandery, Knights Templar; Cypress Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the 23d Separate Military Company, and J. W. Hoysradt Hose Company, No. 8. He is an Episcopalian in his religious faith, and a former vestryman of Christ Church of Hudson.

In 1903 R. Monell Herzberg married Sarah Pearson, of Waterloo, New York, a graduate of Cornell University; they are the parents of two children: 1. R. Waldron, a graduate of Phillips-Exeter Academy and Yale University, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science from Yale in 1927, and his degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Albany Law School in 1933, now associated with his father in the practice of law. 2. Helen Pearson, a graduate of Dana Hall and the University of Wisconsin, with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts.

GEORGE SCOTT MARSH—Widely known in Coxsackie business circles, George Scott Marsh has not only distinguished himself as a dealer in drugs and sundries, but handles a wide variety of other products and also manufactures a special line of remedies and veterinary medicines.

Mr. Marsh was born September 8, 1885, in Coxsackie, New York, son of Samuel E. and Louisa (Smith) Marsh. His father, who came from England to the United States in boyhood, settled in Troy, New York, and afterward removed to Coxsackie. He was a pharmacist until his death. The mother came from Switzerland to this country at the age of eight months. She was born in 1853.

Public schools provided George Scott Marsh's early formal education. In 1901 he became associated with the firm of Jordan Brothers, pharmacists, of Coxsackie, and he studied pharmacy under the tutorship of a man who was professor of pharmacy at the Albany College of Pharmacy. He took the State Board examinations when he was nineteen years of age, and passed them successfully, although by law he was not allowed to become a registered pharmacist until he was twenty-one. He obtained a license on December 28, 1904, and on February 3, 1907, became a registered pharmacist. He then went to Newburgh as manager of the Ennis Pharmacy, where he remained until April, 1908. He came at that time to Coxsackie, forming a partnership here with the Jordans to establish the Jordan-Marsh Drug Company, Inc. Mr. Marsh was president and treasurer of this firm. In 1913 Mr. Jordan withdrew, whereupon Mr. Marsh bought out his share and made the enterprise into a closed corporation. Today Mr. Marsh's firm handles paints, wallpaper and various other products in addition to drugs, and manufactures for wholesale distribution a line of old-established household remedies and an old line of veterinary remedies..

A Republican in politics, Mr. Marsh has been a member of the School Board of Coxsackie for eighteen years and is at present clerk of the board. He is a past president and secretary of the Coxsackie Chamber of Commerce, president of the Coxsackie Rotary Club, treasurer and a director of Heermans Memorial Library, a member of Scott Hook and Ladder Company and a leading fraternalist. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a Past Master of Ark Lodge, Past High Priest of Coxsackie Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a member of Catskill Council of Royal and Select Masters and Hudson Commandery, Knights Templar, and an initiate in Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs and Climax Grange he also takes an active part. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church in Coxsackie.

On April 11, 1917, George Scott Marsh married Laura Oatman Bailey, of Coxsackie, daughter of Charles E. and Laura (Oatman) Bailey, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh became the parents of two children: 1. George Richard Marsh, a graduate of Coxsackie schools, attended Amherst College for a year and Massachusetts Institute of Technology for two years, then became associated with the Lansing Company, of Lansing, Michigan, while completing his studies at Michigan State College. 2. Laura Helen Marsh, graduated from local schools, and was valedictorian of the 1936 class. She was voted the most active student of her high school class. At Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, she took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the age of twenty years, in 1940. She majored in child study at Vassar and is teaching the kindergarten at the Albany Home for Children.

DR. MILTON LIPSON—Engaged in a general practice of medicine and surgery in Fort Plain and vicinity, Dr. Milton Lipson has done a variety of hospital work and has earned the respect, admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life.

Dr. Lipson was born January 30, 1909, in New York City, son of Isaac and Fanny Lipson. His father, who was born in Austria, was for years a merchant in New York City, who followed an independent course in politics after coming to this country, though he was deeply interested in public affairs. The mother was born in Russia.

Public schools in New York City provided Milton Lipson's early formal education, and he was graduated from Townsend Harris High School in 1925. In 1929 he took the degree of Bachelor of Science at the College of the City of New York, and in 1930 he received the degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University, New York City. Afterward he studied at the University of London, where he was graduated in medicine in 1936, and while there he was created a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians. In London, England, he served an interneship at Charing Cross Hospital, then became, in 1936, resident physician and surgeon at Brunswick General Hospital, Amityville, Long Island, so serving until 1938. Admitted to practice medicine in the State of New York on June 25, 1936, Dr. Lipson took up his professional work in Fort Plain in 1938, establishing an office at No. 5 Main Street. In addition to his own private practice, he does considerable hospital work, and is a member of the staff of Little Falls Hospital, Little Falls, New York, and St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam, New York.

Deeply interested in the civic and social life of Fort Plain and the Capital Region, Dr. Lipson served at one time as school physician at Van Hornesville. Politically he has followed an independent course, not aligning himself with either of the existing political parties, but rather supporting the candidates and measures of his choice. He is a member of the Community Club, of Fort Plain, and belongs to the Montgomery County Medical Society. While a student at the College of the City of New York, he had military training. All his life he has been fond of the out-of-doors, enjoying particularly such recreations as tennis and swimming. Fond of music, he is a talented pianist.

VEBBER CHRISTOPHER HOAGLAND—Older residents of Cobleskill remember Delmer E. Hoagland as a genial, companionable man of business, and recognize a continuation and accentuation of his personality in his son who maintains the business that his father established.

In Holland, whence the Hoagland progenitor came from Haarlem to New Amsterdam in 1634, the family bore the name of Hoogland or were known as the Van Hooglandts. In the Burgomaster's records of 1655 the first immigrant to America appears as Christoffel Hooglandt, Stofel Hooglandt, Christopher Hooglandt, but never with the Van attached. He seems to have excised that more or less pretentious prefix and his descendants have shown no disposition to restore it.

Christopher married Catherine Cregier. She lived in Pearl Street, New Amsterdam, and was a daughter of a Captain Cregier. Christopher died, about fifty years of age, on February 8, 1684. His son, Christopher Hooglandt, was baptized in New Amsterdam, November 24, 1669. He married Sarah Tellet or Teller, on February 15, 1695. She died in a year or two and he took for his second wife Helena Middagh, daughter of John and Adriana Middagh. John Middagh was a substantial citizen who owned two hundred acres in what is now a part of Brooklyn. The Middagh family left their impress on their neighborhood, for a street in Brooklyn is known today as Middagh Street. Christopher Hooglandt, however, moved to New Jersey and died there in 1748.

His son, John Hoogeland, Esq., was born about 1701 in that part of Brooklyn known as Flatlands. He married Dinah Probasco, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Van Liew) Probasco. He moved from Flatlands to Lowerland, now Harlingen, Somerset County, New Jersey, where he passed away in 1767. A son, Jacob Hoogland, as he spelled it, was born at Harlingen about 1735. He married Mary or Maria Dubois, and after settlement of his father's estate he transferred to Albany County, New York, about 1786. He bought a farm between Prattsville and Gilboa and thus the line formed its first roots in the Capital Region. Jacob died about 1808; his widow died in 1810, aged seventy years.

Jacob's son, Christopher Hoagland, was baptized in Harlingen's Reformed Dutch Church on September 20, 1767. He was eighteen years old when he moved to Albany County with his parents. He worked on the farm but varied it by doing masonry work. About 1785 he married Eva Van Loan. She died May 24, 1850, being eighty-five years old, and he died on the following September 13, at eighty-three years.

These two had a son, James Hoagland, born in the town of Gilboa, Schoharie County, in 1802, and married Nelly Becker, daughter of Abraham Becker. She died on their farm at Gilboa, August 23, 1842, only thirty-nine years old and her husband died on September 24, 1841. Their son, Nathaniel K. Hoagland was born near Gilboa, March 18, 1831, and followed farming there until he was thirty-six years. Meanwhile, on March 18, 1857, he married Elzina Warner, daughter of John V. Warner, of Schoharie, and bought a farm near Gilboa but later moved to a farm in Blenheim, Schoharie County. In 1872 he returned to Gilboa. He sold his property at a considerable loss and moved to Phenix Mills, Otsego County, New York, where he conducted a general store for some years. He engaged in the same business in Schoharie but sold it and opened a drug store instead. Nathaniel Hoagland and wife had five children, including George B., born October 18, 1864, died in 1913. He was a practicing physician in Central Bridge and Rural Grove, Schoharie County. Another son of Nathaniel was Delmer E., an older brother of Dr. Hoagland.

Delmer E. Hoagland was born near Gilboa in the town of Blenheim, on February 22, 1863. Grown to young manhood he moved to Schenevus and engaged in business there but, in 1898 still comparatively young, he removed to Cobleskill and established the store which all of its region knows as Hoagland's Pharmacy. Delmer E. Hoagland passed away on January 11, 1905. A local paper commented as follows: "He was an active, enterprising, liberal minded man. Honest and straightforward in his dealings with his fellows, kind and considerate in his family." Delmer E. Hoagland married Cora L. Vebber, of Watertown. She survived him, as did his own parents, his brother and two sisters, and he left two children: Meyrle, the younger, and Vebber Christopher Hoagland, who was born at Schevenus, September 1, 1894, but was brought to Cobleskill when only three years old. He was graduated in Cobleskill High School in 1912 and from Columbia University College of Pharmacy but his business career was halted by the World War. He served overseas one year in the Medical Division of the American Expeditionary Forces. The war over, he returned to assume the management of the pharmacy, the physical aspects of which he has not only improved, but has conducted in a way that wins public confidence and the approval of the medical fraternity. Mr. Hoagland is a charter member of Cobleskill Golf and Country Club,

Clarence A. Albright

a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 394, and of Cobleskill Post of the American Legion.

Vebber C. Hoagland married, in 1923, Helen Munro, daughter of Squire Munro, of Elbridge, New York. She came to Cobleskill as a trained Red Cross nurse in 1922 after her education at Elbridge. She is a member of the New Century Club and of the local Red Cross, and is one of the faculty of Cobleskill High School.

CLARENCE A. ALBRIGHT—Through his various interests, Clarence A. Albright has become one of the leading business men of Hannacroix, and this section of Greene County. He is a motor car dealer and gas and oil distributor, a garage and service station operator and has also found time to build and conduct a colony of tourists' cabins.

Mr. Albright was born at Rocky Store, now Hannacroix, on August 16, 1879, son of William Henry and Anna (Whitbeck) Albright, both born in New Baltimore. His father, a farmer, died in 1940 at the age of eighty-eight. His mother is still living at the age of eighty-five.

Clarence A. Albright received a public school education in the district schools and also attended Albany Business College. Until he was nineteen, he farmed with his father, then left home for New York City, where he learned the mechanic's trade. Afterward he worked for several years with various large companies, among them the Western Electric Company, Westinghouse Company, General Electric, International Harvester Company and others. In 1904, however, he returned to the section in which he spent his boyhood years and bought out the business of J. H. Curry, who operated a cooper's shop and coal sheds at New Baltimore Station. In 1919 he began his present business by purchasing a gas station at Hannacroix, which he has operated ever since. In the course of years he handled various makes of gasoline, until eventually he took over the distribution of Gulf oil products in Greene County. In 1940, Mr. Albright also built a large garage at Hannacroix in connection with his gas station there. He had previously taken over the local Ford agency in 1933. His garage and gas business and his sales and servicing of Ford motor cars now amount to a very substantial annual figure.

In addition to these interests, Mr. Albright built three tourist cabins in 1935. In the following year he added seven more and in 1937 built ten new cabins. He now has twenty cabins in all, modern in construction and accommodations, and rents them throughout the season.

Mr. Albright is a Republican in politics and takes an active interest in all local affairs, in which his influence is felt as a constructive force. He is affiliated fraternally with New Baltimore Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

On July 22, 1903, Mr. Albright married Bertha Elizabeth La Jeune, of Freehold, Greene County, a daughter of Byron and Rachel Ann (Johnson) La Jeune. He was a mason by trade. They are the parents of ten children: 1. Alfred Clarence, born August 12, 1904; married, on April 9, 1928, Laura Rivenburgh, and had Evelyn and Allen. 2. Lawrence Henry, born October 18, 1905; married, on November 21, 1928, Elizabeth Yeoumans, and had Donald H., David C., and Dorothy. 3. Arthur Miles, born November 10, 1906; married, on July 18, 1928, Louise Court, and had Bertha, Robert, Ruth Ann, and Carol. 4. Ernest David, born August 23, 1908; married (first), April 15, 1933, Frances Klisky, and had Richard Ernest; married (second) Evelyn Aldrich, and had James Michael. 5. Laura Elizabeth, born March 15, 1910; married, on June 15, 1932, Albertus Hotaling; they have an adopted son, Richard Hotaling. 6. Ralph La Jeune, born June 29, 1911; married, February 27, 1932, Laura Cary, and had two children, Howard and Doris. 7. Walter Raymond, born December 16, 1912; married Nellie Rae, and had a daughter, Janice. 8. Wilbur Eugene, born May 23, 1915; married, May 6, 1940, Gloria E. Stuart. 9. Nellie Viola, born September 20, 1919; married Eugene Myers. 10. Elsie Grace, born February 8, 1924.

JAMES E. CAMPBELL—Twenty-two years ago, James E. Campbell entered the service of the Chalmers Knitting Company at Amsterdam as a bookkeeper. During the intervening years he had risen to the presidency of the organization and directed its large operations as manufacturers of men's and boys' underwear.

Mr. Campbell was born at Half Moon on May 13, 1877, son of James and Elinor (Buckley) Campbell. His father, who was born in Ireland on February 1, 1836, and died in December, 1918, was a farmer in Saratoga County. His mother was born in 1840.

Educated in the public schools of Waterford, New York, James E. Campbell later attended Albany Business College and embarked upon his business career. In 1918 he became associated with the Chalmers Knitting Company at Amsterdam, beginning as a bookkeeper but winning gradual advancement within the organization until he was elected secretary and director of the company in 1926. As a principal executive he had been active in the management of the company from that time until his death, and in 1937 succeeded to the presidency. The Chalmers Knitting Company are large manufacturers of men's and boys' underwear, employing at the peak of the season one thousand people and distributing their products in a national market. Associated with Mr. Campbell as executives of the company were David W. Chalmers, now chairman of the board of directors; George C. Williams, treasurer; Mark J. Quinn and George W. Childs, vice-presidents; and Jean M. Rees, secretary.

Mr. Campbell was a member of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce and was affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Catholic Church.

In July, 1902, at Cohoes, Albany County, he married Clara McGuire, who was born in Cohoes, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Costello) McGuire. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell became the parents of two daughters: Marjorie, born at Cohoes; and Elinor, born at Waterford, who married Ludwig Davis of Amsterdam and has three children: Mary Ann and Claire, twins, and James Davis, all born in Amsterdam.

James E. Campbell died October 20, 1940.

WALTER WESLEY GODDARD, M. D.—The practice of medicine and the responsibilities incident to his profession have occupied Dr. Walter Wesley Goddard throughout his career. He is a well-known Schenectady physician, whose special interest in orthopedics is reflected in several of his institutional connections.

Dr. Goddard was born at Ballston Spa, June 10, 1872, son of Aaron and Caroline (Briggs) Goddard. He was educated at Albany Academy and Albany Medical College, from the latter of which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine and subsequently established the Schenectady practice which he has since successfully conducted. He began his medical career in 1894 as interne at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, and in 1897 was appointed attending physician, serving thus for twenty-five years and then taking his place on the consulting staff. Dr. Goddard is a Fellow of the American Medical Association and a member of the New York State and Schenectady County Medical societies, and former president of the latter organization. He has been president since 1928 of the Eastern New York Orthopedic Foundation, treasurer since 1928 of the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital School and is consulting physician to Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. In 1918-19, during the World War period, he was contract surgeon to the Union College Student Army Training Corps. In 1935-36, Dr. Goddard was also president and treasurer of Walker's Pharmacy, Inc. In addition to his professional connections, he is a member of the American Legion, a trustee of Round Lake Summer Institute, president, 1917-19, of Round Lake Board of Trustees, a life member of St. George's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Schenectady and a trustee of the First Methodist Church of this city.

On June 4, 1902, at Cohoes, Dr. Goddard married Emma H. Goddard and they had one son, Leland H. Goddard. Mrs. Goddard died May 11, 1934.

JAMES R. HUGHES—One of the citizens of the Capital Region who was widely known here was James R. Hughes, of Stuyvesant Falls. He was a director of the Farmers' National Bank, of Hudson, and of the Hudson Savings & Loan Association, and was frequently consulted by those who aimed to start new enterprises and wished to profit from the experiences that had preceded their own.

Mr. Hughes was born August 25, 1855, in County Tyrone, Ireland, son of James H. and Bridget (Goodwin) Hughes, of that Irish county, both now deceased. His father was an agriculturist.

Public schools provided James R. Hughes' early formal education. He came to the United States when only six years old, accompanying his father. After a short stay in New York City, the family removed to Columbia County, New York, where the father operated a large fruit and dairy farm. As a young man Mr. Hughes was not content to remain on the home farm, so he became a clerk in a store at Malvern Bridge when he was only fourteen years old and there received his preliminary business experience. Later, in association with a Mr. Vedder, he went into a partnership arrangement and opened a general store. A general store was in those days, of course, an institution possessing great dignity and usefulness, dealing in almost every conceivable commodity—food, machinery, farm implements, feed, grain and many other products. After about seven years, Mr. Hughes came to Stuyvesant Falls and proceeded to run a general store under his own name here, continuing his work along these lines until his retirement from business.

He retired from his more active business activities some years ago in order to give more attention to the many personal interests that he had been acquiring as time had gone on. He had always been interested, for instance, in village affairs in Stuyvesant Falls, and was particularly proud—and had reason to be so—of his record as a town supervisor. He served for more than thirty years in that office, which is generally admitted to be a highly important one. At all times Mr. Hughes was a leader in the community, and he was still active as a director in the enterprises mentioned above and in affairs that other citizens brought to his attention in quest of advice and help up to the time of his death. He was a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. His beautiful country estate, and the friendliness and hospitality of the Hughes home were known to people for miles around.

Robert Van Houten

In 1881 James R. Hughes married Alice A. Flynn, sister of Joseph A. Flynn, a prominent New Yorker, recently deceased. Mr. Hughes died October 2, 1940, at the age of eighty-seven years.

ROBERT S. VAN HOUTEN—Extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Greenville, Robert S. Van Houten was a supervisor of this town and one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Van Houten was born August 6, 1872, in New York City, son of Henry and Laura (Victory) Van Houten, both now deceased.

Public schools provided Robert Van Houten's early formal education. His father died when the boy was young, and for some years Robert Van Houten was employed on the farms in and near Greenville, receiving his board and room in return for his efforts. In 1890 he came to the farm on which he continued in Greenville as manager, and proceeded to become active in general farming operations. This farm was the Jacob H. Coonley farm in the town of Greenville, now owned by Jacob H. Coonley's daughter, Annie L. Coonley. In 1922 Mr. Van Houton was elected to the position of town supervisor, an office that he held down to the time of his death on October 14, 1940. He was also a director of the National Bank of Coxsackie, had served one term as tax collector, and was a director of the Greenville Rod and Gun Club. He was active also in the Greenville Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and Cascade Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

KENNETH CREBLE—For more than twenty years, Kenneth Creble has been engaged in the practice of law in Albany. He has to his credit a long record of professional service in this city and is now a member of the well-known Albany law firm of Whalen, McNamee, Creble and Nichols.

Mr. Creble was born at Feura Bush, Albany County, on December 25, 1893, son of Francis and Sarah (Callanan) Creble. His father, who was born in Albany County in 1844 and died on October 15, 1930, was a farmer. His mother was also born in this county in 1850 and died in 1922.

Kenneth Creble received his preliminary education in the public schools of Feura Bush, was graduated from Albany High School in 1912 and afterward entered Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1916. He prepared for his profession at Albany Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1920, and upon his admission to the bar in the same year began his practice in Albany. In 1924 he became a member of the law firm of Whalen, Murphy, McNamee and Creble, which was reorganized in 1931 under the present name, Whalen, McNamee, Creble and Nichols. Mr. Creble is active in the firm's extensive general practice and has appeared successfully in all courts, frequently representing important interests. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State and Albany County Bar associations.

In addition to his professional connections, Mr. Creble is a trustee of the Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank in Albany, a trustee of the Albany Young Men's Christian Association, and a member of the board of governors of the Albany Hospital. Mr. Creble is also a member of the Fort Orange Club and University Club, both of Albany, the Albany Country Club and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. During the World War, he enlisted in the army and served overseas for eleven and a half months with the 309th Ambulance Corps, 78th Division. After the Armistice he became a member of the United States Military Mission, which was sent into Germany to supervise the feeding of Russian prisoners. He received his honorable discharge from the service in June, 1919, and resumed his law studies in Albany. Mr. Creble is a Republican in politics and a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Albany. He is fond of sports, particularly hunting and golf, which are his favorite recreations.

On October 25, 1924, he married Ruth Holcomb, of Geneseo, daughter of Winfield and Catherine (Lombard) Holcomb. Mr. and Mrs. Creble are the parents of two daughters: Catherine Elizabeth, born December 8, 1926; and Louise C., born January 10, 1930.

JOSEPH M. COFFEY—Since 1926 Joseph M. Coffey has been associated with the Mica Insulator Company of Schenectady, an old established enterprise of the city dating back to the pioneer days of the electrical industry, which it serves. As vice-president, director and factory manager of the company, he has a major rôle in its operation.

Mr. Coffey was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, on April 16, 1891, son of John J. and Dora (Graham) Coffey. Mr. Coffey was educated in the public schools of Fall River and after his graduation from high school there in 1910, came to Schenectady to serve a two-year apprenticeship with the American Locomotive Company. For fourteen years the various activities of his career took him elsewhere, but in 1926 he returned to Schenectady as assistant manager of the Mica Insulator Company. This company, pioneers in the manufacture of electrical insulation, was established in Schenectady about 1892. Begun on a small scale, the development of the Mica Insulator Company has paralleled the expansion of the electrical industries. Today it carries on a national business, requiring the services of approximately three hundred employees in the Schenectady plant.

Joseph M. Coffey succeeded C. W. Jefferson as factory manager of the company upon the latter's retirement in 1927 and has since continued to serve in this capacity. His subsequent election as vice-president and director of the company brought him further responsibilities of a general executive character in its management.

During his residence in Schenectady, Mr. Coffey has also been active in civic affairs and public life. A Democrat in politics, he was a member of the Schenectady School Board for two years, 1932-33, and since 1934 has served without interruption as a member of the City Planning Commission. He is a member and past president of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and has been very much interested in Boy Scout work, recognizing its value in building character and citizenship. For seven years he was treasurer of the Schenectady County Council of the Boy Scouts of America and at the present time is its president. The New York State Automobile Association, of which he is vice-president and director, and the Schenectady Automobile Association, of which he is treasurer and director, represent other interests of his. He is a director of the Morris Plan Industrial Bank of Schenectady, and a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Highway Survey in New York State. In addition to these connections, Mr. Coffey has been active socially. He is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club, the Mohawk Club, the Schenectady Curling Club and the Schenectady Rotary Club and is affiliated fraternally with Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. John's parish in Schenectady. Golf and curling are his favorite recreations.

Mr. Coffey married Elizabeth G. Connolly, of Fall River, Massachusetts, daughter of T. J. and Elizabeth (Cochran) Connolly, and they are the parents of three children: Betty, Doris, and Joan.

PETER HARRIS GRIFFING—After a variety of business and public activity, Peter Harris Griffing has assumed his duties as postmaster of Northville, where he has for years taken a lively part in local affairs.

Mr. Griffing was born July 21, 1891, in Warrensburg, New York, son of Charles H. and Emma (Harris) Griffing. Both his grandfathers, Peter Harris and Duncan Griffing, were also prominent in New York State affairs in their day. Peter Harris was treasurer of Hamilton County for thirty-seven consecutive years, and was a prominent Democrat. Duncan Griffing was Assemblyman from Warren County, and also served as sheriff of Warren County at one period. Charles H. Griffing, Peter Harris Griffing's father, was a native of Warrensburg, New York, a lumberman and paper manufacturer, at one time president and vice-president of subsidiaries of the International Paper Company. He died July 3, 1916. The mother, Mrs. Emma (Harris) Griffing, was born at Hope, in Hamilton County, and died February 6, 1932.

Peter Harris Griffing studied in public schools in Gloversville, and later was a student at the Horace Mann School, in New York City, where he was graduated in 1911. In 1913 he was graduated from the Packard Business College, also in New York. For a year he was employed by the Harriman National Bank, of New York City, and later conducted a brokerage business of his own in the same city, continuing that work until 1935. He was supervising timekeeper for the Fulton County WPA organization from 1935 to 1940. Then came his appointment as postmaster of Northville, given him by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 25, 1940. He had, however, been acting postmaster, meanwhile, from January 6, 1940. Mr. Griffing is also active in other branches of Northville life, being a member of the Presbyterian Church here, Gloversville Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and other groups. Formerly he was a director of the Gould Paper Company, of Lyons Falls.

Mr. Griffing is married and has two children: 1. Charles Henry. 2. Vera Martha.

CHESTER ARTHUR NASH—One of the active residents of Sand Lake, where he was postmaster, Chester Arthur Nash has distinguished himself in business and public service. He is, among his other undertakings, treasurer of the Rensselaer County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and finds that this position occupies a great deal of his time and attention. He is, as a matter of fact, one of the busy and substantial citizens of the Capital Region, and is widely known and respected for his work.

Mr. Nash was born February 13, 1871, in Sand Lake, New York, son of George W. and Mary J. (Lamphere) Nash, of this place. His father was a gardener by profession. The long association of the family with this region makes Mr. Nash vitally interested in its history and development, as well as a contributive force in community life. Chester Arthur Nash attended public schools at Sand Lake and Troy Business College, and early in his career turned his attention to business affairs. Becoming a partner in A. W. Robins & Company, Mr. Nash was connected with the Robins mercantile and grocery store after 1909, in Sand Lake. After a year he bought Mr. Robins' share of the business, of which he became sole owner and manager and so continued until 1939. In that year he sold the enterprise to his two sons, Walter I. and Raymond W. Nash.

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Paralleling his business activity at all times has been his political and public service. Mr. Nash became town clerk of Sand Lake in 1922, and in 1926 received his appointment as postmaster of that place, so continuing down to the time of his retirement in 1941, his son, Walter I. Nash, now being acting postmaster. He is also active as treasurer of the Rensselaer County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of Sand Lake and a local fire commissioner. He is a member also of the Rensselaer County Postmasters' Association, the New York State Postmasters' Association and the National Postmasters' Association, as well as a director of the State Postmasters' Association. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. In the local Presbyterian Church he is an elder and trustee, and he serves as treasurer of both the church and the Sunday school, clerk of sessions and secretary of the board of trustees.

On December 21, 1898, in Watervliet, New York, Chester Arthur Nash married Sarah Robins, daughter of William Bradley and Mary (Lester) Robins. Mrs. Nash is president of the Presbyterian Missionary Society, treasurer of the Benevolent Association and secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The following are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Nash: 1. H. Irene Nash, born January 29, 1901, now associated with Dr. Van Kott on the State Board of Education. 2. Walter Irving Nash, born February 27, 1903, married Jensena Nielson; they have a son, Charles W. Nash, born in 1935. 3. Raymond W. Nash, born April 11, 1905, a merchant, married Lillian Nielson; they have two children: i. Jane Marie Nash, born in 1934. ii. John William Nash, born in 1939.

Public approval of Mr. Nash's work and civic-mindedness has been registered in numerous ways, and he is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

CLAUDE S. TOMPKINS—Widely known for his activity in agricultural affairs and his participation in civic undertakings of importance, Claude S. Tompkins is a leading resident of Ashland.

Mr. Tompkins was born December 3, 1889, in Ashland, New York, son of Hyatt and Mary Jane (Smith) Tompkins, both now deceased. His father was a farmer, son of William Tompkins, of Ashland. On the maternal side of his house, Claude S. Tompkins was a great-grandson of Jean (More) Smith.

District schools provided Claude S. Tompkins' early formal education. In young manhood he was engaged in farming until he attained his majority. He then entered the employ of the Sheffield Farms as manager of their local creamery. He remained with them for fourteen years. Meanwhile, he bought land and decided to devote his full time to farming. He now has five hundred acres of land on which he raises roughage to feed his herd of seventy graded cattle. He has a modern farm plant, and is highly respected in the agricultural community and active as a leader in Grange work.

In his political views Mr. Tompkins is a Republican. He has been supervisor for the town of Ashland for twelve years and since January 1, 1938, has been chairman of the county board of supervisors. He is a member of Mount Lodge, No. 529, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is represented on the official board of the Methodist Church.

On September 11, 1918, Claude S. Tompkins married Ethel Westcott, of Prattsville, daughter of J. Willard and Nettie E. (Rappelyea) Westcott, of that place, both now deceased. Two children of this marriage were: 1. Robert M. Tompkins, born May 1, 1919, graduated from Windham High School, became associated with his father on the home farm. 2. Bertram Tompkins, born March 4, 1921, a student at Windham High School.

JOHN RAYMOND PIKE, D. O.—Engaged in the practice of osteopathy in Albany since 1926, Dr. John Raymond Pike has earned the respect and confidence of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life.

Dr. Pike was born October 4, 1903, in Utica, New York, son of George Nelson and Jennie Elizabeth (Ferguson) Pike and member of an old and honorable family. His great-grandfather, George R. Pike, was born in 1829 in Verona, New York, and was married, December 25, 1852, to Mary Styles, whose mother, Rosanna, was the first child born in the Mohawk Valley Dutch settlement. They settled in Whitesboro. George R. Pike was for many years a boat captain on the Erie Canal. He died in 1912. George Nelson Pike, father of Dr. Pike, was born June 21, 1878, in Oneida, New York, and was for years engaged in the insurance business in Utica, where he still carries on his work. He is a Mason and a Republican. The mother, Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth (Ferguson) Pike, was born May 24, 1878, in Whitesboro, New York.

Utica public schools provided John Raymond Pike's early formal education, and he was graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1920. He then became a student at the Chicago College of Osteopathy, where he was graduated in 1925 with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. In 1925 and 1926 he served an interneship at the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital. On June 1, 1926, he began his practice in Albany, and is now at Nos. 715-16 National Savings Building, No. 90 State Street.

In his political views Dr. Pike is a Republican. He belongs to many organizations of a professional, civic and social character, including the Hudson River North Osteopathic Society, the New York State Osteopathic

Society, the Eastern Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Association. He was president of the Albany Kiwanis Club in 1940, and is a member of the Torch Club, the Phi Sigma Gamma college fraternity and Masters' Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons. He also belongs to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In Chicago, Illinois, November 16, 1926, Dr. John Raymond Pike married Laura Elizabeth Craft, a native of La Porte, Indiana, daughter of George M. and Sarah Elizabeth (Chase) Craft, both natives of Indiana. The following children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Pike: 1. John Raymond Pike, Jr., born in Albany on August 6, 1929. 2. Nelson Craft Pike, born here December 26, 1930. 3. Robert Eugene Pike, born January 10, 1933.

BENJAMIN SMITH—Canajoharie's first major industry, the manufacture of paper and cotton bags, dates from the organization of the firm of Arkell & Smiths, which rose to a dominant position in its field during the period immediately following the Civil War. Benjamin Smith was one of the founders of this company, which has since continued in operation at Canajoharie, and was active in its management until his death.

Benjamin Smith was born in the town of Charlestown, Montgomery County, on June 17, 1824, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Sheldon) Smith. He was a grandson of George Smith, a leather merchant of Stockbridge, Scotland, who came to the United States in 1782 with his wife, Mary Baird, and two children and took the oath of allegiance on October 10, 1786.

Adam Smith, a son of this marriage, was born in Connecticut in 1789, and died in the town of Glen, Montgomery County, New York, on December 1, 1833. He was a merchant at Glen and Charlestown, both in Montgomery County and conducted a successful business. A Whig in politics, he was prominent in local affairs of that party and influential in the communities in which he made his home. He married, on November 15, 1812, Elizabeth Sheldon, born in Connecticut on December 28, 1785, died on October 3, 1828. They were the parents of the following children: George, Eliza, Sarah, Diantha, Julia, William, Benjamin, and Adam.

Benjamin Smith was educated in the Montgomery County schools. Until his seventeenth year he worked in his father's store, then became a clerk in the general store of Elias Stilwell at Fort Plain. In 1848 his employer established a branch store in Canajoharie. Mr. Smith was admitted to a partnership and given full charge of the Canajoharie business carried on under the name of Smith & Company. In 1857, when Mr. Stilwell retired, Adam Smith joined his brother and the firm name was changed to B. & A. Smith.

In 1859 the brothers joined with James Arkell (*q. v.*) in the manufacture of cotton bags, largely for the flour industry. The shortage of cotton during the Civil War resulted in the development by the firm of a strong and durable manila paper bag and its introduction on the market. By 1865 the business had grown to such proportions that Benjamin Smith gave up his dry goods business and henceforth devoted all his time to the manufacturing business of Arkell & Smiths. In 1884 the firm was incorporated as Arkell & Smiths, with James Arkell as president; Benjamin Smith, secretary; and Adam Smith, treasurer.

Benjamin Smith was a successful business man distinguished for his integrity and high standards of honor. He was also an accomplished and cultivated gentleman, a trustee and member of the English Lutheran Church of Canajoharie, an influential figure in the general life of the village. He died on December 12, 1884.

Benjamin Smith married, on December 23, 1852, Emeline F. Scholl, who was born on September 5, 1829, daughter of the Rev. William N. Scholl and Henrietta (Wampler) Scholl. She was a great-granddaughter of Philip Scholl, who came from Germany in 1760 and settled in Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania. Her father, a graduate of the Theological School in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was ordained to the ministry in 1836, and from 1840 onward was pastor of the English Lutheran congregation at Canajoharie. Benjamin and Emeline F. (Scholl) Smith were the parents of the following five children: 1. William Nace (*q. v.*). 2. Anna McClure, born May 14, 1856, died March 13, 1901; married Charles G. Pettit. 3. Edward Scholl, born December 7, 1859; married Jessie M. Ford. 4. Leslie, a physician, engaged for a time in practice at San Antonio, Texas. 5. Henrietta, born February 2, 1865, died June 3, 1894; married James Ernest Crofton Pedder.

WILLIAM NACE SMITH—During his entire active career, William Nace Smith was associated with Arkell & Smiths, manufacturers of cotton and paper bags at Canajoharie. He represented the second generation of his family in the business and played a leading rôle in its development.

Mr. Smith was born at Canajoharie on January 22, 1854, son of Benjamin Smith (*q. v.*) and Emeline F. (Scholl) Smith. After completing his preliminary education in local public schools, he attended Hartwick Seminary and Cornell University, where he was graduated from the mechanical engineering department in the class of 1874. Immediately afterward he became associated with his father in the manufacturing business of the firm of Arkell & Smiths, whose position as leaders in their field was already firmly established. At the death of his father in 1884, William N. Smith succeeded him as secretary of the company, a position to which he brought exceptional qualifications. As a principal executive of the company he shared responsibility for its management and contributed to its development during the remainder of his active life.

Mr. Smith early won and always retained the respect and regard of the village. As a public-spirited citizen he took an interest in all community affairs. He was a member of the original committee of citizens who inaugurated the movement for obtaining a permanent and pure water supply, and in an unostentatious way made his influence felt in many civic enterprises. He was a Republican in politics and an active and devoted member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

On September 17, 1884, William N. Smith married Sophia E. Peck, who was born on December 20, 1859, daughter of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Record) Peck. They became the parents of two children: Roger Peck (*q. v.*); and Marion Frances, born January 12, 1898.

After the death of his first wife, July 11, 1922, he married Fannie Mulford Van Deusen, on April 29, 1929.

He remained active in business until shortly before his death on June 15, 1937.

ROGER PECK SMITH—As secretary and general sales manager of Arkell & Smiths, at Canajoharie, Roger Peck Smith continues the traditional family association with one of the oldest businesses of its kind in the country. During the entire history of the company, covering more than eighty years, members of the Smith family have been prominent in its management.

Mr. Smith was born at Canajoharie on May 7, 1895, son of William N. Smith (*q. v.*) and Sophia E. (Peck) Smith and a grandson of Benjamin Smith (*q. v.*), a founder of the firm of Arkell & Smiths.

Roger P. Smith was educated in the public schools of Canajoharie and after completing the high school course, studied for two years at Colgate University, which he left to enter the armed forces of the United States. Upon returning from France he completed his education at the Columbia University School of Business Administration, graduating in 1921. On October 10, 1921, he became associated with Arkell & Smiths and, advancing in the organization, he became a salesman and for a number of years represented the company in the New England territory, with headquarters at Boston. Afterward he was New York State representative of the company and in January, 1940, having served a thorough apprenticeship in the business, he was elected secretary and director of the company, with supervision of sales work. Arkell & Smiths, first established in 1859, are nationally known manufacturers of paper and cotton bags. As general sales manager, Mr. Smith directs the sales force, with further responsibilities in executive councils as an officer of the company.

During the World War, Mr. Smith enlisted in the United States Army, in April, 1917, and spent fifteen months overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces as a member of the 303d Trench Mortar Battery, later C Battery of the 307th Field Artillery. Serving with the rank of first lieutenant, Field Artillery, he saw action in the Toul Sector, at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne Sector and participated in the final drive of the American armies against Sedan. He received his discharge from the army in June, 1919, after twenty-six months of service. Mr. Smith is a member of Canajoharie Post, No. 222, American Legion, and Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He is also a member of the Antlers Country Club, and of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Canajoharie.

On November 11, 1921, Mr. Smith married Elsie McCartney, who was born at Waxahachie, Texas, daughter of Ewell C. McCartney and Myrtle (Lancaster) McCartney. They are the parents of two children: William Pierce, born at Canajoharie on March 31, 1923; and Barton Peck, born at Canajoharie on June 19, 1926.

THOMAS R. WARD—Figuring prominently in Albany's banking and financial life, Thomas R. Ward is president of the Home Savings Bank.

Mr. Ward was born December 14, 1870, in Albany, New York, son of Thomas R. and Maria (Van Buren) Ward. His father, born on the Isle of Man, was engaged in the printing business. The mother was born in Albany County, New York.

Albany schools furnished Thomas R. Ward's early formal education. In 1884, when he was fourteen years old, he became associated with Wiedman, Ward & Company, a firm of wholesale grocers, serving as office boy and rising through the different grades of service through the years that followed until he became president of the company in 1923. From 1892 onward he was a member of the firm. At the head of its affairs until he withdrew from the organization in 1937, Mr. Ward then connected himself with the banking business on a full-time basis. His relation with the Home Savings Bank dates back to 1907, when he became a trustee of the institution. He was made first vice-president in 1923 and president in 1931. This bank was founded in 1872, and is one of Albany's fine old financial institutions. As its president, Mr. Ward has been successful in guiding its policies along paths of usefulness and progress.

Among his other activities, Mr. Ward is a trustee of this bank and member of many leading civic and social organizations in Albany. He belongs to the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and the Fort Orange Club, a country club. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Ward also belongs to St. Peter's Church.

SAMUEL ETTELSON ARONOWITZ—Through the numerous interests which have marked his career, Samuel Ettelson Aronowitz has firmly established his position in Albany life. He is a prominent lawyer of this city, one of its leading civic workers and an important figure in many of its social welfare agencies. He is also past president of the Albany Baseball Club and is widely known in veterans' circles through his service as State Commander of the American Legion.

Mr. Aronowitz was born in Albany on May 24, 1890, a son of Max and Dora (Ettelson) Aronowitz. He received his preliminary education in the Albany public schools and after completing the high school course in 1907, entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. From 1912 to 1917, he taught English in the Albany Evening High School, meanwhile beginning the study of law at Albany Law School. At this institution he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914 and launched his practice shortly afterward.

During the World War, Mr. Aronowitz served in the United States Army overseas as sergeant of Company B, 309th Machine Gun Battalion, 78th Division. Following the Armistice, he received his honorable discharge from the service and resumed his professional career in Albany. In 1925 he formed a partnership with Edward J. O'Connell under the firm name of O'Connell & Aronowitz, with offices at 100 State Street, Albany, and continued the association until the death of Mr. O'Connell in June, 1939. With the progress of his professional career since the war, he has risen to a position of leadership at the Albany bar and has successfully represented many important interests.

Mr. Aronowitz's professional standing was reflected in his election as president of the Albany County Bar Association in 1937 and in his subsequent election as vice-president of the Federation of the Bar Associations of the Third Judicial District, which office he now holds. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. In addition to his professional connections he serves as a trustee of the City & County Savings Bank of Albany and as director of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company. From 1928 to 1937, he was also president of the Green Island Bank and for a period of years was officially associated with the Albany Baseball Club, of which, for three years, he was president.

Despite his large responsibilities in law and business, Mr. Aronowitz has always found time to take an active part in the organizations which interest him. Immediately after the World War he assumed an important rôle in the American Legion, serving as New York State Adjutant in 1920, chairman of the State Legislative Committee from 1920 to 1923, as State Vice-Commander in 1924, and as State Commander in 1925. During this period he became nationally known in the Legion. To his numerous civic interests as an Albany resident, he has brought the same energy. Mr. Aronowitz has always recognized and fully met the obligations of good citizenship, making his influence effective in promoting many desirable civic objectives. To the social welfare agencies of the city, he has given generously of his time and means and is now vice-president of the Albany Council of Social Agencies and a member of the board of the Albany Jewish Social Service and the Albany Boys' Club. Mr. Aronowitz is also past president of the Albany-Jewish Community Council. He served, for many years, as a member of the executive committee of Fort Orange Council, Boy Scouts of America, an organization whose value in building character and citizenship he clearly recognizes. Fraternally he is affiliated with Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and in this order is also a member of all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and of the Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Aronowitz is a member of the Albany Club and the Colonial Country Club at Albany, the Dartmouth Club in New York City, Fort Orange Post of the American Legion, and Voiture No. 348 of the "40 and 8." He is a Republican in politics and is a member of Temple Beth Emeth Congregation, of which he was trustee for a number of years. Golf is his favorite recreation.

BYRON EDWIN CHAPMAN, M. D.—As a practicing physician at Broadalbin, Dr. Byron Edwin Chapman serves this section of Fulton County and a number of its governmental agencies. He has been active in his profession for more than twenty years.

Dr. Chapman was born at Johnstown, Fulton County, on October 10, 1892, son of George H. Chapman, who was born at Broadalbin, and Beatrice (Crouse) Chapman, born at Kring's Bush, New York. His father is now retired. His mother died on February 26, 1932.

Byron Edwin Chapman received his preliminary education in the public schools of Broadalbin and at Colgate Academy, from which he was graduated in 1911. During the following two years he took pre-medical work at Brown University and subsequently entered Albany

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Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1917. After part of a year spent as resident at Albany Hospital, he was commissioned in the United States Medical Corps and called to active duty, serving sixteen months overseas at Evacuation Hospital No. 15. During this period he was promoted to the rank of captain. After the close of the World War he received his discharge from the service and returned to Broadalbin, where he has been engaged in the general practice of medicine continuously since 1919. Dr. Chapman quickly established his professional reputation and built up the large practice whose responsibilities now occupy him. He is also school physician at Broadalbin and Perth and health officer of the town and village of Broadalbin and the town of Perth.

Dr. Chapman is attending physician at Nathan Latteur Hospital in Gloversville. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Fulton County Medical Society and, in addition to his professional connections, has been active in the general life of his community. For four years he served on the local school board. He is affiliated fraternally with Kennyetto Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in Broadalbin, the Delta Phi fraternity and the Nu Signa Nu medical fraternity, and is a member and first president of Robert Lee Walsh Post of the American Legion in Broadalbin and the Eccentric Club of Gloversville. In politics he is a Republican. Dr. Chapman is fond of outdoor life and such sports as fishing and hunting. He has also made a hobby of raising pure bred Ayrshire cattle and has a herd of approximately one hundred head.

On August 22, 1922, he married Jeannette Fenton, of Broadalbin, daughter of George A. and Eliza (Kinnan) Fenton. Mrs. Chapman died suddenly January 21, 1941. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman were the parents of three children: John K., born March 14, 1924; Byron Edwin, born August 5, 1930; and Mary Katharine, born December 19, 1931.

VICTOR SACKRYDER BAUDER—The business now conducted under the name of V. S. Bauder Sons, wholesale distributors of gasoline and petroleum products in the Fort Plain section, was established by the late Victor Sackryder Bauder in 1925 and successfully operated by him until his death. For a quarter of a century he was a well-known figure in the life of Fort Plain.

Mr. Bauder was born in Freysbush, New York, in 1876, son of Nathan and Mary (Sackryder) Bauder, who were farmers there. He was educated at Claverack Institute, after which he operated the Bauder homestead farm at Freysbush, which is still a valued property in the Bauder family. In the spring of 1909, a few years after his marriage, Mr. Bauder moved with his wife and children to Fort Plain. Shortly afterward he became associated with R. H. Deyo, of Binghamton, distributor of Olds gas engines for the eastern part of the United States, and later formed a connection with the Harder Manufacturing Company of Cobleskill, manufacturers of farm silos. As their field representative, he traveled throughout the State of New York, contacting an organization of seventy-odd dealers.

In 1925, Mr. Bauder severed his relations with the Harder Manufacturing Company and entered business for himself as a wholesaler of gasoline and motor oil in the Fort Plain area. Subsequently he added fuel oil to his general line of petroleum products. During these years he organized the general distribution of oil products through dealer outlets within a thirty-mile radius of Fort Plain, building the organization which was the nucleus of the present business operating under the firm name of V. S. Bauder Sons. This firm is owned by his widow, Grace A. Bauder, and his two sons, Stanley George and Keith James.

Mr. Bauder was a trustee of the Reformed Church of Fort Plain and a well-loved member of the local Masonic Order.

He married Grace A. Bellinger, of the town of Danube, Herkimer County, New York, and their two sons, Stanley George and Keith James Bauder, were born respectively on May 13, 1905, and January 21, 1907.

Mr. Bauder died in July, 1934, leaving besides his widow and sons, two sisters, Ethel and Florilla. His brothers, Keith and Delbert, had preceded him in death. An experienced business man and able organizer, he had to his credit a career of useful activity and won in full measure the regard of his associates and the respect of the public at large.

STANLEY GEORGE BAUDER—As a partner in V. S. Bauder Sons, Esso Distributors, Stanley George Bauder is active in the management of the concern which distributes petroleum products, liquified petroleum gas, gas appliances, oil burners and oil heating equipment. This organization was established by his father and has remained a family enterprise.

Mr. Bauder was born near Fort Plain, May 13, 1905, son of Victor Sackryder Bauder and Grace A. (Bellinger) Bauder. He was educated in the Fort Plain public schools and attended the Fort Plain High School.

In 1922 he took the distributorship for Larrabee trucks in a territory consisting of six counties with Fort Plain as the center. In 1925 he sold this distributorship to the factory branch of the Larrabee-Deyo Motor Company in Albany, but continued working with this company until 1928 when he entered the general insurance business. He conducted this business until December 11, 1933, at which time he joined his father in the oil business

Upon the death of his father July 17, 1934, he entered into a partnership with his mother and brother, Keith, forming a company under the name of V. S. Bauder Sons for the distribution of Esso products throughout a thirty-mile area.

Mr. Bauder is also in partnership with his brother in the Lubrication Sales Company, distributors of Pennzoil Motor Oil and anti-freeze products. He and his brother are also partners in the operation of the Bauder homestead farm inherited from their father and an adjoining farm which was acquired later.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Bauder is active in other organizations of this section including the local Masonic Lodge, the Fort Plain Community Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club, the Fort Plain Fish and Game Club, the Otsquago Fish and Game Club, and the Fort Plain Club. He is also a member of the Mohawk Valley Towns Association. Mr. Bauder is a Republican in politics and a member of the Reformed Church of Fort Plain.

On September 17, 1930, at Fort Plain, he married Margaret Grace Rickard, born near Fort Plain, daughter of John F. Rickard and Grace (Wood) Rickard, of Fort Plain. Mr. and Mrs. Bauder are the parents of one son, Robert Rickard Bauder, born at Fort Plain, April 13, 1933.

KEITH JAMES BAUDER—Keith James Bauder is a partner in the firm of V. S. Bauder Sons, Esso Distributors in Fort Plain, New York. This business, with headquarters in Fort Plain, engages in the distribution of motor fuels and lubricating oils, oil heating equipment and heating oils, liquified petroleum gas and gas appliances in an area within a thirty-mile radius of the Fort Plain headquarters.

Mr. Bauder was born at Freysbush, New York, January 21, 1907, son of Victor Sackryder Bauder and Grace A. (Bellinger) Bauder. He was educated in the public schools of Fort Plain, and immediately after completing his high school course in 1925 became actively identified with his father in the company which was then operating under the firm name of Victor S. Bauder.

Under his father's close supervision, Mr. Bauder gained a close insight into every department of the business. This training proved invaluable to him when, upon the death of his father in 1934, he assumed a full partnership in the company now operating under the name of V. S. Bauder Sons. The present position of the company in its greatly enlarged scope is in large measure due to Mr. Bauder's unceasing efforts and intimate knowledge gained while still a boy working in his close association with his father.

Mr. Bauder is also in partnership with his brother, Stanley, in the operation of the Lubrication Sales Company, distributors of Pennzoil products in the same area served by V. S. Bauder Sons.

Mr. Bauder is very well known and highly respected in Fort Plain and the surrounding area. The same friendly personality which has gained the loyalty of every one of his employees has also made him a highly regarded member of the Masonic Order of which he is a trustee. He also has membership in the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, Fort Plain Community Club, the Fort Plain Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club, the Fort Plain Fish and Game Club, and the Mohawk Valley Towns Association. He is a Republican in politics and a member and trustee of the Reformed Church of Fort Plain.

On July 3, 1939, at Fort Plain, Mr. Bauder married Evelyn Cook, daughter of William and Esther Cook, of Rotterdam, New York. They are the parents of one son, Bruce James, born May 29, 1940. Mr. Bauder also has another son by a previous marriage, Lowell Keith, born March 31, 1929.

HERBERT J. KNEIP—For years active in banking affairs in Albany, Herbert J. Kneip is president of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Kneip was born July 6, 1888, in Albany, New York, son of Joseph and Margaretta (Herkenham) Kneip. His father, born in Germany, now deceased, was for years a contractor in Albany. He had military service in Germany, and when he came to the United States to live he followed an independent course in politics, not aligning himself with either of the major parties. The mother, Mrs. Margaretta (Herkenham) Kneip, was a native of Albany. She is now also deceased.

Albany schools provided Herbert J. Kneip's early formal education, and when he finished his high school training here he immediately became active in banking. Associating himself with the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company in 1904 as a clerk, he later acted as discount clerk, teller, assistant cashier and cashier. He was cashier of this banking institution from 1921 to 1931, and then, in 1931, became vice-president. In 1939 he was elevated to the rank of executive vice-president, and in 1941 to the office of president, in which capacity he serves down to the time of writing.

In addition to his work in this office, Mr. Kneip acts as a director of the bank. He is also a trustee of the City & County Savings Bank, of Albany. Politically he, like his father before him, has followed an independent course. Taking an important rôle in Albany affairs, Mr. Kneip also is treasurer of the Commercial Safe Deposit Corporation. He is deeply interested in the cause of education, being a trustee of the Albany Academy for Girls, and he

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is treasurer of that institution of learning and of the Trinity Institution. He is a vestryman of Trinity Church, Albany, and a trustee of the Diocesan Foundation. He serves also as treasurer of the Child's Hospital and the Albany City Securities Corporation. Among his other duties, Mr. Kneip is active in the Fort Orange Club, the Aurania Club, the Albany Club, the University Club, the Albany Country Club, and the Free and Accepted Masons.

In Albany, New York, October 11, 1915, Herbert J. Kneip married Kathryn L. B. Kane, a native of Albany, daughter of Michael J. and Margaret A. (McCall) Kane, both natives of Albany County, the father born in the city of Albany. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Margery J. Kneip, born December 3, 1916, in Albany. 2. Catherine M. Kneip, born September 12, 1919, in this city.

WILLIAM HENRY LYNG—As a partner in the firm of W. G. Morton, dealers in coal at wholesale and retail throughout the Albany section, William Henry Lyng is prominent in the city's business life.

He was born at West Pawlet, Vermont, on October 31, 1884, son of Eugene Owen and Bridget (Brahan) Lyng, and received his general education in the village school of his birthplace and at Granville, New York, High School. Although his father was a farmer, Mr. Lyng's own interests centered in a business career, and after training at Albany Business College he began his association with the Albany business community, in which he has risen steadily during the intervening years. As a partner in the firm of W. G. Morton, he is active in the management of one of Albany's largest coal companies.

Mr. Lyng is also active socially and is a member of several well known clubs of the Capital Region, including the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Country Club and the Austerlitz Hunt Club. He is a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Albany and is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus.

On October 14, 1912, in Albany, William Henry Lyng married Mary Josephine Tracey, daughter of John H. and Mary (Fleming) Tracey. They are the parents of two daughters: Margaret Mary, born June 5, 1914; and Mary Fleming, born August 1, 1917.

WILLIAM C. YATES—For many years associated with the General Electric Company, William C. Yates is recognized as one of Schenectady's leading citizens.

Mr. Yates was born May 31, 1878, in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, son of Isaac I. and Emma Theodora (Paty) Yates. He traces his ancestry to Joseph Yates, of Albany, who came to the Province when it was ceded by the Dutch to the English. The father, Isaac I. Yates, born in Greenfield Center, New York, was graduated from the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland, and served as an officer in the navy for over twenty-five years. The mother was born in Honolulu, and both are now deceased.

William C. Yates attended public schools in Schenectady, was graduated from Union Classical Institute here in 1894, and took the Bachelor of Science degree at Union College in 1898. In November, 1898, he became associated with the General Electric Company, and is now serving as manager of the control and renewal division in the industrial department. His service to the electrical industry has been notable, earning for him wide acclaim and admiration. He served for several terms as chairman of the industrial control section of the National Electrical Manufacturers' Association, and in other ways has contributed notably to electrical development.

At the same time he takes a lively interest in civic, social and educational affairs. He is a trustee of the Schenectady County Historical Society, president of the Kappa Alpha Alumni Association of Union College, and chairman of the committee on undergraduate affairs of the Graduate Council of Union College. Mr. Yates served in the Spanish-American War as quartermaster sergeant in Company F, 2d New York Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service for six months. He is an elder of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady. Fond of all kinds of sport, particularly golf, Mr. Yates is a member of the Mohawk Golf Club, and he also belongs to the Mohawk Club. Politically he is a registered Republican, though he maintains an independent point of view with regard to public questions, judging them wholly apart from partisan politics.

On May 31, 1904, William C. Yates married Grace Phillips Lawrence, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of the Rev. Egbert C. Lawrence, a Presbyterian clergyman, and Sarah Jean (Burtis) Lawrence. The Burtis family has long been prominent in New York State, especially around Buffalo. One daughter, Jean Lawrence Yates, was born of this marriage. She is the wife of C. W. Bowman, of Schenectady.

ARCHIE IRVING CULLEN, M. D.—Since he began the practice of medicine in the early years of the century, Dr. Archie Irving Cullen has pursued his professional career in the Capital Region. During the past twenty-two years he has maintained his home and office at Altamont, in Albany County, and is one of the leading physicians of this section.

Dr. Cullen was born at West Troy on June 22, 1880, son of Dr. Archie Cullen, who was also a physician, practicing at West Troy for many years, and Augusta (Hinman) Cullen.

Archie Irving Cullen received his preliminary education in the public schools of West Troy and Troy. Following his graduation from Troy High School he entered Albany Medical College to prepare for his chosen career and was graduated in 1903, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. On July 20, 1903, he was licensed to practice and opened offices at Watervliet, where he devoted himself to professional responsibilities until 1916. In the latter year he moved to Delanson in Schenectady County, but in 1918 returned to Albany County and has since been located at Altamont. Dr. Cullen carries on a general medical practice, including minor surgery. His patients are drawn not only from Altamont but from Guilderland and other surrounding towns, where he is equally well known as a capable and experienced physician who has always manifested his loyalty to the ideals of service which characterize his profession.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. Cullen is health officer of the town of Knox and the town of Guilderland. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Albany County Medical Society and various non-professional organizations, including the Altamont Chamber of Commerce and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is affiliated with Noah Lodge, No. 754, and with Royal Arch Chapter, No. 284. Dr. Cullen is a Republican in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. He has made a hobby of radio and as a licensed amateur operates his own station, whose call letters are W—2DWK. Sailboating is another of his favorite recreations.

In September, 1906, at Watervliet, Dr. Cullen married Gertrude L. Dyer, who was born at Watervliet in April, 1880, daughter of David H. Dyer, born in West Troy, and Grace M. (Cressey) Dyer, of Vermont. Dr. and Mrs. Cullen have one son, James Ernest, born in Watervliet, married Virginia Higgins, of Albany, and they have a daughter, Grace Lorraine.

CLINTON R. CLAPPER—Valuable experience as an accountant has eminently fitted Clinton R. Clapper for his duties as county treasurer of Columbia County and for his excellent services to his home city of Hudson.

He was born October 1, 1893, at Stockport, in this county, son of Marvin and Lelia (Huddleston) Clapper, of that place. His father was a machine operator.

Public schools provided Clinton R. Clapper's early education, and he prepared himself for accounting by study at the Cleveland School of Commerce. Since completing his course there, he has been employed by many business enterprises as an accountant, and, in recent years, has rendered valuable public service. In 1935 he was appointed to fill a vacancy as city treasurer of Hudson, succeeding Mr. Herbs in that capacity. Two years later, in 1937, he was made county treasurer, succeeding Mr. Potter, and is still serving in that office. His popularity is attested by the fact of his election to his present office by a large majority, as well as in countless other ways. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Crusader Club, the Columbia County Historical Society, the Citizens' Historical Association, the Columbia County Firemen's Association, the Philmont Rod and Gun Club, and J. W. Edmonds Hose Company, No. 1, of Hudson. During the World War he served an enlistment in the United States Army Medical Corps, later becoming an adjutant in the American Legion post in Hudson. Mr. Clapper enjoys, as a spare-time pursuit, the study of history, particularly that branch of it concerning most intimately the people and institutions of Columbia County and this district of New York State. His studies along these lines have greatly enriched his knowledge and have helped to increase his understanding of human nature and events. He is a member of the First Methodist Church.

As county treasurer, Mr. Clapper has his offices in the courthouse in Hudson. He resides at No. 43 Parkwood Boulevard, this city.

WILLIAM B. DALEY—Connected in one or another way with practically every important event that has taken place in recent years in Chatham, William B. Daley has served in many public capacities and has for years conducted a general law practice.

Mr. Daley was born May 2, 1872, in Chatham, New York, son of William Champlin and Katherine E. (Bailey) Daley. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary Ann (Champlin) Daley. Daniel Daley, born in 1814 in Columbia County, died in 1891, was in early life a prominent Democrat of this district, though his antagonism to the extension of slavery led him to join the Republican forces in 1856. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. She was born in 1813 in Westerly, Rhode Island, and died in 1887, daughter of William Champlin, who had brought his family from New England to East Chatham when she was but a small girl. The marriage of Daniel Daley and Mary Ann Champlin took place in 1863. She was a woman of strong intellectual attainments and frail physique, a descendant of men and women of distinction, yet fond of domestic life and particularly gifted in the upbringing of her children, upon whom she exerted a strong moral influence. The children of the family were: 1. William Champlin Daley, of further mention. 2. George K. Daley, one-time Chatham attorney. 3. James B. Daley, a soldier in the Civil War, later a lawyer in Prattsville, Greene County. 4. Daniel H. Daley, also a lawyer in

Greene County. 5. Sarah Jane Daley, who became the wife of George Albertson. 6. Charles C. Daley, who was a justice of the peace in Chatham.

William Champlin Daley, the first-named and eldest of the above children, was born November 8, 1839, in Chatham, and was for years a leading attorney-at-law and public spirited citizen here. He studied privately under Charles Churchill, attended the Fairchild Academy, and in 1861, at the age of twenty-two, entered the office of Van Schaack and Beal, in Kinderhook. Afterward he continued his studies in the office of W. C. Benton, of Valatie. Admitted to the bar in 1863, he practiced in Chatham, first in partnership with Judge Cadman until that partner was elected to the bench. He was a Republican; was twice chairman of his party's county committee; served as the first police justice of Chatham after the municipal court was established; was supervisor of the national census for Columbia, Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties, and long acted as a member of the Chatham board of education and a friend to the public schools. He was also a member of the State Senate from the Twenty-fourth District. William Champlin Daley married, in December, 1868, Katherine E. Bailey, daughter of Dr. William C. Bailey, a Chatham physician. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Louise Daley, wife of Frederick D. Moore, of Williamstown, Massachusetts. 2. William Bailey Daley, of further mention. 3. Robert Morris Daley, who studied at Cornell and at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and became a physician. 4. Mabel T. Daley, wife of Fletcher Williams, of Chatham Center. 5. Blanche Daley. 6. Pauline B. Daley. 7. De Witt Daley. 8. A child, who died young.

William Bailey Daley, the second named of these children, attended public schools in Chatham, and later became a student at Cornell University. He holds a Master of Laws degree from Cornell, one of the few Columbia County lawyers to enjoy this distinction. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1893, Mr. Daley began practice in Chatham. Down to date he has carried on this same work, and in these years his legal knowledge and experience have led to his performance of many notable community services, both as a member of the bar and along related lines.

Much that has promoted Chatham's development and progress has started with Mr. Daley's work or received strong impetus from it. He has served as president of the village, as justice of the peace, as local judge, as district attorney of Columbia County, succeeding Alfred Chase, and on many village committees and in public offices. During the World War he was a member of the legal advisory board set up in his district in connection with the selective service draft act. He is recognized as being, without any shadow of doubt, one of Chatham's foremost citizens, and many there are who have personal knowledge of the countless ways in which Mr. Daley has rendered valuable community service. He is president of the Silver Medal Society, an organization of volunteer firemen having more than a quarter of a century of service to their credit. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, a number of local clubs and attends the Reformed Church. Mr. Daley has striven at all times to maintain, despite modern confusion, the same fine sense of the law and its service to society that characterized his father's outlook, as indicated in a quotation from Wendell Phillips, whom the elder Mr. Daley greatly admired:

> With us law is nothing, unless close behind it stands a warm, living public opinion. Let that die or grow indifferent, and statutes are waste paper, lacking all executive force.

William B. Daley married Agnes Bell, daughter of Charles M. Bell. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. William Bell Daley; is an attorney-at-law, having practiced in New York City for a number of years, and later was associated with his uncle, James Donald Bell, of Hillsdale, New York. He resides at Spencertown, New York, and was supervisor of the town of Austerlitz for two terms. 2. Robert House Daley, married Mary M. Love; is an architect and was employed in New York City for several years in making plans for a number of large buildings there. He is now located with the firm of Meanor & Handlorer, architects of Charleston, West Virginia; has two children, Robert and Cynthia. 3. Blanche Robinson, wife of Lieutenant Warren E. Gladding. Mrs. Gladding is now stationed at Bremerton, Washington; has two children, Molly and Dolly. 4. Margery Truesdale Daley, Mrs. Gladding's twin sister, wife of Lieutenant Fred W. Laing. Mrs. Laing is now at Cocoa Solo, Panama, Canal Zone; has two children: Jeanette, born in Chatham, New York; Frederick, Jr., born in Manila, Philippine Islands.

HAROLD DAY—Widely known in Hudson's business community, Harold Day is president of the Hudson Buick Corporation, one of the leading automobile agencies in this area of the State. Formerly he was an employee of Tiffany's, in New York City.

Mr. Day was born in Stockport, New York, son of John P. and Bessie (Reddington) Day. His father is a retired police sergeant of the New York City police force.

Schools in New York City provided Harold Day's early education. From 1916 to 1923 he was employed at Tiffany's. From 1927 to 1931 he was connected with the Bronx Buick Company. Then, coming in 1931 to Hudson, he became president and manager of the Hudson Buick Corporation, of which his wife is secretary and treasurer. This company sells, on an average, about one hundred new Buick cars each year.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Day is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia Country Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In Hudson, New York, November 25, 1924, J. Harold Day married Marion Morrison. They are the parents of two children, Alice Jeanne Day, born in 1925, and Dorothy Ann Day, born in 1928.

JOHN D. ALLARDICE—Carrying on a general law practice in Hudson, John D. Allardice is one of his city's active citizens and leaders.

Mr. Allardice was born August 18, 1915, in Hudson, New York, son of Jerry D. and Ellen M. (Powers) Allardice. His father was for years an employee of the Universal Atlas Cement Company of Hudson.

Hudson schools provided John D. Allardice's early education, and he was graduated in 1936 from St. Michael's College with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and in 1939 from Albany Law School as a Bachelor of Laws. In 1940 he began his present work, being admitted to the bar of New York State and commencing his practice in Hudson. He is legal counsel for the Half Moon Acreage, on the Hudson, a famous club, widely known throughout the fashionable Hudson River area.

Mr. Allardice is also active in a number of organizations in his community, being a member of the Volunteer Fire Association of Hudson and of the local Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Columbia County Country Club and the Knights of Columbus, and is affiliated with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. In 1940 he was nominated on the Democratic ticket as candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney of Columbia County.

HENRY J. ALBRIGHT—A pioneer in the development of motor bus service through the upper Hudson River Valley, Henry J. Albright is now executive head of Mountain View Coach Lines, Inc., running from Albany south to Coxsackie and down the river as far as Newburgh. He has operated in this field for almost a quarter of a century.

Mr. Albright was born at New Baltimore, Greene County, on May 11, 1888, son of Frank and Estella (Youmans) Albright. His father, who was also born at New Baltimore and is now deceased, was a farmer and feed merchant. His mother, who was born in Albany County, has now reached her seventy-fourth year.

Educated in the public schools of his birthplace and at Albany Business College, Henry J. Albright worked with his father, who operated a farm and a flour and feed mill, until he was twenty-seven years old. In March, 1916, he moved to Coxsackie and organized the Coxsackie-Albany Auto Bus Line, Inc., operating between the municipalities named. In doing so he became one of the pioneers in the bus transportation field. As time went on, Mr. Albright began to expand his business and added more equipment. He continued to prosper and eventually extended his service south to Kingston and later to Newburgh, with a connection across the river at Poughkeepsie. Operating these routes, this became the leading passenger transport company on the west side of the river. With the development of the corporation, Mr. Albright adopted the present name, Mountain View Coach Lines, Inc., under which he has carried on the business for a number of years. It is a closed corporation, with himself as president and his wife and son as the other executive officers. At present he operates a fleet of fifteen buses, each with a seating capacity ranging from twenty-nine to thirty-seven persons, and maintains garages at Coxsackie, Saugerties and Highland. His equipment is completely modern.

Mr. Albright, who continues to make his home at Coxsackie, is a director of the Coxsackie National Bank and has served for a number of years as a trustee of the village, in whose life he occupies an important place. He is affiliated fraternally with Arch Lodge, No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Coxsackie Rod and Rifle Club. Mr. Albright is a member of the Second Reformed Church in this community.

He married, on March 16, 1916, Frances R. Bedell, of New Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Albright are the parents of three children: Frank Henry, a graduate of local schools, now associated with his father in business; Irving E., now attending Syracuse University; and Donald C., a student in the Coxsackie public schools.

HARRY R. GOULD—Extensively engaged in the motor car business in Hudson, Harry R. Gould conducts the Gould-Scott Corporation, a complete sales-service agency for Ford, Lincoln and Lincoln Zephyr cars.

Mr. Gould was born March 1, 1891, at Belcher Town, Massachusetts, son of Henry R. and Blanche A. (Bridgeman) Gould. His father is a retired merchant.

Schools at Belcher Town provided Harry R. Gould's early education, and in 1907 he was employed by the Worenoco Paper Company. Until 1915 he was so engaged. Then, until 1925, he was with the Ford Motor Company in New York City. In 1925, with John D. Scott, he established the Gould-Scott Corporation, handl-

Henry J. Albright

ing Ford and Lincoln cars in Hudson, and the two men operated the enterprise jointly until Mr. Scott's retirement in 1931. At that time Mr. Gould became sole owner and proprietor of the firm, and so continues. The Gould-Scott Corporation has sold, since 1925, three thousand new cars and six thousand used cars, maintaining an average of a new car every other day.

Wholly aside from his work in this connection, Mr. Gould has been a member of the Rotary Club and the Columbia County Country Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is associated with Huntington Lodge, Huntington, Massachusetts, and he is also active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For six months, during the World War, he was a member of the infantry forces in the army, Officers' Training School.

In New York City, in 1923, Harry R. Gould married Wilhelmina Juechter.

ALBERT HENRY VAN ALSTYNE—For four generations, the Van Alstyne family have operated fruit and dairy farms in Columbia County. Albert Henry Van Alstyne, present representative of the family, continues this tradition. He is also a merchant at Stuyvesant Falls and an active civic leader of his community.

Mr. Van Alstyne was born in Stuyvesant Falls on April 3, 1896, son of Jacob M. and Sarah (Moore) Van Alstyne. The present family farm was established by his great-grandfather and was continued in succeeding generations by his grandfather and father. Martin C. and Albert H. Van Alstyne operated this farm until 1925, when the latter sold his interest to his brother. He has spent his career at Stuyvesant Falls, receiving his education in local public schools. He owns and manages a grocery and meat market in the village of Stuyvesant Falls, the only complete store of its kind in the community.

In addition to these interests, Mr. Van Alstyne is a director of the Stuyvesant Falls Building & Loan Association. He has always been active in civic matters of the community, and his influence in its affairs is valued by his fellow-townsmen. At present Mr. Van Alstyne serves as a director of the local school board. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order, in which he is Past Master of his Blue Lodge and Past High Priest of Kinderhook Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He was a founder and is now secretary of the Stuyvesant Falls Volunteer Fire Department in the local community and is a member of the American Legion. During the World War he served in the United States Navy on the United States Ship "Seattle" until after the Armistice. Mr. Van Alstyne is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, in which he occupies the office of deacon.

In 1919 he married Florence Jacobs. Mr. and Mrs. Van Alstyne are the parents of three children: Jane Elizabeth, now twenty years old; Warren, eighteen years old; and Glenn, thirteen years old.

JOHN F. TENEROWICZ—Since 1921 John F. Tenerowicz has been active in the affairs of Hudson and has operated the Hudson Department Store here.

Mr. Tenerowicz was born May 6, 1892, in Colchester, Connecticut, son of Joseph and Mary Tenerowicz. His father, a native of Poland, came early in life to America, but returned from Ludlow, Massachusetts, to his native land before the World War period, since which he has been living retired in Poland. Public schools of Ludlow provided John F. Tenerowicz' early education. He was engaged in business in Springfield and Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he is well known, prior to his coming to Hudson in 1921. Here he at once established the Hudson Department Store, which he has built up to a position of commanding importance in the community. The store handles a complete line of general merchandise, and Mr. Tenerowicz is sole owner.

Quite aside from his work in the development of this business institution, Mr. Tenerowicz takes a lively interest in the general commercial life of his community. He is a director of the First National Bank of Hudson and president of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce. He is also active in the Polish National Alliance of America, and is a member of the Sacred Heart Church.

On February 1, 1917, at Chicopee, Massachusetts, John F. Tenerowicz married Anna T. Krzyminski, of Chicopee. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Alfred Tenerowicz, born in 1918; became a student at Ryder College. 2. Helen Tenerowicz, born in 1920; graduated from Hudson High School; now attending Ryder College. 3. Evelyn Tenerowicz, born in 1922; also a graduate of Hudson High School. 4. Raymond Tenerowicz, born in 1924; a student in high school.

GEORGE C. INMAN—Recognized as one of Hudson's leading lawyers, George C. Inman is a member of the widely known law firm of Coffin, Coffin and Inman, and his service as Columbia County judge has earned for him wide respect and admiration.

Mr. Inman was born January 1, 1896, at Lake Mahopac, son of Jonas and Nellie (Keyser) Inman. His father, who was a Methodist clergyman, is deceased.

George C. Inman was graduated in 1917 from Syracuse University as a Bachelor of Arts and in 1922 from the New York Law School as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in 1924, he at once commenced a general practice of his profession in Hudson. At that time he became associated with S. B. Coffin in his legal work, and the partnership still exists, the firm being known as Coffin, Coffin and Inman. This firm is considered one of the leading law organizations of Hudson, and is widely known throughout Columbia County for its work.

In addition to his achievements in the professional world, Mr. Inman has rendered valued public service. In 1938 he was elected county judge. He is also a director of The First National Bank & Trust Company of Hudson, and is active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Volunteer Fire Department. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is affiliated with the Columbia Country Club. During the World War he served in the United States Navy as an ensign. He is deeply interested in church work, and is president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church.

On April 12, 1928, in Hudson, New York, George C. Inman married Cordelia Haight. Their children are: 1. George C. Inman, Jr., born in 1931. 2. Richard H. Inman, born in 1934. 3. Charles Edward Inman, born in 1937.

RICHARD A. MASON—In both business and public life Richard A. Mason has performed work of value in Chatham, where he effectively serves his community as village clerk.

He was born February 6, 1887, in Chatham, son of Charles H. and Carolyn (Warner) Mason. His father, a physician, died in 1910. He was engaged in patent medicine manufacturing for many years in this community. The mother died in 1898.

Chatham schools provided Richard A. Mason's early education. At the death of his father he took over the patent medicine manufacturing business, which he has continued since 1910. Even in the years since 1934, in which he has been serving as village clerk, he has continued his business activities, so that he is today one of Chatham's most valued citizens through his many-sided services.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Mason is a member of the Albany Numismatic Society, the Rod and Gun Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Columbia Lodge, No. 98, and with the Knights Templar Commandery. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

On April 6, 1910, in Chatham, New York, Richard A. Mason married Carrie Cole. They are the parents of a daughter, Marjorie Mason, born in 1914, a school teacher in Chatham.

JAMES MATTHEW McNEARNEY—As founder and head of McNearney Brothers, large bottlers and distributors of beverages in the Schenectady area, James Matthew McNearney directs one of the most important of the newer commercial enterprises of the city. He launched this venture after a varied career in other fields and has built up an extensive business during a period of ten years.

Mr. McNearney was born in Schenectady on April 8, 1895, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Caslin) McNearney. His father, who was born in Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, and died on August 22, 1917, was an engineer on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, in whose service he spent thirty-eight years. His mother died on December 6, 1939.

James Matthew McNearney was educated in the public schools of Schenectady, where he was graduated from high school in 1911. After three years in the testing department of the General Electric Company he began a career as a professional baseball player and was so occupied for seven years, playing with Albany in the old State League and with Chattanooga in the Southern League. At the end of that time he entered the automobile business in Schenectady, establishing the James M. McNearney Auto Exchange, under which name he held the agency for Chandler cars in the Schenectady district and operated as a dealer in used cars. After nine years he withdrew from this field and began a real estate business which he conducted under his own name for approximately four years. Seeking larger opportunities he turned to his present business in 1930. At the time of prohibition repeal he was well established as a bottler and distributor of soft drinks and was able to add bottled beer to the products he handled. Subsequently he obtained an exclusive contract with the Hedrick Brewing Company of Albany and now acts as bottler and sole distributor for this company. In 1939 he took his brother, Peter J. McNearney into partnership and reorganized the business under its present name, McNearney Brothers. In the same year the modern plant and office now occupied by the company was erected at No. 1707 State Street, Schenectady, becoming the headquarters of the business. An indication of its development is found in the expanding personnel of the company, which at present numbers twenty-nine people.

Mr. McNearney is active in other phases of the city's life, notably in Democratic politics, which he has made something of a hobby. He is affiliated fraternally with Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of St. John and is a member of the Schenectady-Liederkranz Society. During the World War he attended the Officers' Training School of Union College, being stationed at Camp Fremont, California, until after the Armistice. Mr. McNearney is a

James M. McNeary

member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Schenectady. Baseball and boxing are his recreations.

On November 20, 1923, he married Margaret Henneman, of Schenectady, daughter of John P. and Ryea (Quirk) Henneman. Mr. and Mrs. McNearney are the parents of two daughters: Eleanor Mary, born November 15, 1924; and Lois Eileen, born October 1, 1926.

CLARENCE M. MAGEE—Widely and favorably known in Kinderhook, his native district, Clarence M. Magee is now postmaster of this community. He has brought to the local postal system a variety of experiences in agriculture and business.

Mr. Magee was born September 25, 1884, son of James M. and Emma G. (Rogers) Magee, both now deceased. His father was a farmer.

Kinderhook schools provided Clarence M. Magee's early education, and at an early age he started farming operations with his father in Kinderhook. He continued his work with his father until 1920, when he took over management of his father-in-law's farm in East Chatham. He was so engaged until, in 1924, he became an employee in the store of T. M. Kittel, who conducted a retail grocery. That work occupied him until 1934, when he was appointed postmaster at Kinderhook.

In addition to being head of the postal organization here, Mr. Magee is a charter member of the Kinderhook Grange, and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. He takes a lively interest in community affairs, and has done much to promote the general betterment.

In 1907 Clarence M. Magee married Ethel A. Cady. They are the parents of the following children: 1. William M. Magee, born in 1909. 2. Robert J. Magee, born in 1911, father of a son, Donald Magee, born in 1935. 3. Florence G. Magee, born in 1914, married Edward McCandlish and has a son Robert, born in 1938. 4. Kathryn Magee, born in 1918; married Ralph Samuel Duck, and has a son, Ralph Samuel Duck, Jr., born in 1937. 5. Marion Magee, born in 1919; married to Russell Winand.

MARTIN P. MYERS—Widely known and highly esteemed for his accomplishments in the business world, Martin P. Myers is president of the Valatie Mills, Inc., of Valatie.

Mr. Myers was born in 1879, in Columbia County, New York, son of Henry and Josephine (Fox) Myers. His father, who is now deceased, was a paper mill worker.

Schools in his native district provided Martin P. Myers' early education, and at the age of twelve years he started work in the Valatie Mills, Inc. Since that time he has remained with this organization, passing successively through all the departments of the mills until he has risen to the presidency of the corporation. He is the active manager, as well as the titular head, of the mills, which stand among Valatie's foremost business houses.

In addition to his service to the business world, Mr. Myers has figured prominently in the civic and social life of his community. He is president of the Valatie school board, and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is a Past Master of Valatie Lodge, No. 362, and a Past High Priest of Chapter No. 264, of Royal Arch Masons. He was a member and president for several years of the James Purcell Hose Company. He and his family are widely known and honored in Valatie life, where the other members of the family belong to the Roman Catholic Church, though Mr. Myers himself is not a member of this denomination and is not a regular attendant at any church.

In 1908 Martin P. Myers married, at Valatie, Mary Millrick. The following children were born to them: 1. John Myers, a graduate of Albany Academy and Albany Business College; he is a director of his father's mill. 2. Helen Myers, a graduate of Normal College, New Paltz, New York; now teaching. 3. Elizabeth Myers, a registered nurse at French Hospital, New York City. 4. Catherine Myers, a graduate of Mildred Ellery School in Albany; employed in the Valatie Mills. 5. James Myers, a graduate of St. Michael's College at Winooski, Vermont; a medical student at St. Louis University. 6. Francis Myers, a student at Seina College at Loudonville, New York.

LEWIS F. HARDER—The High Rock Knitting Company is considered as vital to the business life of Philmont, and the Harder family is widely known for the part that its members have taken in the operation of these mills. Lewis F. Harder, who joined his father in the work immediately upon leaving college, has been vice-president and treasurer as well as general manager for several years. His father, Frank B. Harder, is president. The mother, Fannie E. Harder, died in 1920.

Lewis F. Harder was born June 4, 1891, in Philmont, New York, and attended schools there and in Hudson until he entered the Hill School, where he prepared himself for college. Entering Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, he was graduated there in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. At once he entered his father's business, the High Rock Knitting Company. Mr. Harder belongs to the Old Chatham Hunt Club, the Columbia County Country Club, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Reformed Church. During the World War he received a captain's commission and served for sixteen months overseas as a member of the 302d Engineers, continuing in that connection for the duration of hostilities. He was wounded in the Argonne Forest. He is a Republican in his political views.

Lewis F. Harder married (first), in 1917, Gertrude Harris, of New York City. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Lewis, now at Harvard University. 2. Philip, a graduate of St. Mark's School, now at sea. 3. Gertrude, a graduate of Miss Chapin's School, now at Sarah Lawrence College. 4. John, now at The Hun School. 5. Henry, also attending St. Mark's. 6. Cynthia, attending Miss Chapin's School.

Lewis F. Harder married (second), in 1935, Sydney Gabbett, of Savannah, Georgia.

RICHARD E. CULLEN—One of the leading farmers of Columbia County, Richard E. Cullen, of Stuyvesant Falls, operates a large dairy and fruit farm. He is an influential and substantial citizen of the county and has long been active in its public life.

Mr. Cullen's career was begun after the completion of his education in the public schools of Stuyvesant Falls, when he became overseer of the farm on which he now lives, and which belonged to his father-in-law, from whom he purchased it. He has continued its development. In addition to his extensive fruit orchards, whose production makes him one of the larger fruit growers of the county, Mr. Cullen maintains a fine herd of fifty Guernsey dairy cows.

While his farming interests occupy his principal attention, Mr. Cullen has been able to devote some time to public service. He has been a justice of the peace since 1925 and since 1933 has been supervisor of the town and a member of the county board of supervisors. His election to this office reflects his position in his community. During the World War, Mr. Cullen enlisted in the National Army and served overseas in the infantry of the American Expeditionary Forces until after the Armistice. He is now a member of the American Legion, the local Grange, and is president of the Stuyvesant Falls Volunteer Fire Department, and the Columbia County Firemen's Association.

In 1921, at Stuyvesant Falls, Mr. Cullen married Elsie Dick. They are the parents of one son, Robert R., now a student at Union College. Mrs. Cullen is a descendant of an old Columbia County family. Her parents were Silas W. and Louise (Rivenburg) Dick, formerly of Columbia County. Mrs. Cullen is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

JOSEF MARTINEC—Operating a meat packing plant known as the J. Martinec Packing Company, in Sacandaga Road, Scotia, Josef Martinec is recognized as one of the leading business men of his district. His accomplishments have been many-sided and constructive, earning for him wide respect and admiration, and he is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Martinec was born March 19, 1883, at Litohrad, Czecho-Slovakia, and in that town, not far from Prague, he was reared. His parents were Frank and Mary (Venicek) Martinec, both of Czech birth. His father, a farmer, died in 1896; and his mother passed from this life in 1917.

Public schools in his native village provided Josef Martinec's early formal education. There he learned the sausage maker's trade, and before he left his native land he also served for two years in the Austrian Army. Married while still young, he became gradually more and more aware that there was no place for adequate development of himself and his children in the country town where he was born. His wife, also a native Bohemian like himself, looked to the New World of which they had both heard such glowing tales. Their decision to emigrate to the United States, even though they had no capital beyond their passage, was based upon their desire to become citizens of a country where success awaits those who meet opportunity with courage and industry. Facing tremendous sacrifices and the difficulty of learning an unfamiliar language, and having no prospects of work and a means of earning a livelihood in the new land, Mr. Martinec left his wife and infant daughter on an experimental journey to America in 1907, his heart filled with eager expectation. He came to Schenectady, where he worked for three years in a retail meat and sausage maker's store, at No. 48 Broadway. Under the guidance of his employer, Ferdinand Teuber, he gained experience in New World ways and methods, and in those preliminary years he also came to feel thoroughly at home in the English language.

In 1911 Mr. Martinec came to Scotia, operating a retail meat market at No. 127 Mohawk Avenue for three years. His first market he conducted in conjunction with his brother, William Martinec. Ill health led the brother to withdraw before long. But Joseph Martinec continued the work, and when his wife came to this country and the family established itself here, she became his constant helper. In 1914 they built a market and home at No. 234 Mohawk Avenue, where he operated the business until 1931. In 1914 he also began the manufacture of sausage and meat products, building a capacious sausage kitchen for this purpose. In 1931 came the erection of the complete modern plant on Sacandaga Road. The J. Martinec Packing Company was now well along its pathway to success, and was assuming a position of leadership in its industry. Demand for the "Pink Rose" brand of meat products, made here, continues to grow, and the present

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factory, situated just outside the Scotia village limits, is one of the finest of its kind. The enterprise of Mr. and Mrs. Martinec completed a quarter of a century of service in 1939, with the company greatly expanded and running a fleet of motorized trucks. Carrying on a manufacturing and wholesale business devoted to the making and packing of meat products, the J. Martinec Packing Company employs about fifty-five people and makes a notable contribution to prosperity in the district.

Mr. Martinec is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Scotia Chamber of Commerce and the Scotia Rotary Club. He worships in the faith of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, in Scotia. In spare time he enjoys sports and the out-of-doors. Though his task of establishing himself in the economic life of America has absorbed most of his time and energy, he likes, in spare time, to see the beauty and grandeur of his adopted country. In 1938 he and Mrs. Martinec spent a very enjoyable summer revisiting the scenes of their childhood. It was his first visit there from the time he left it in 1907, and the occasion was a happy one for both him and his wife. They have never regretted leaving their old home, however; for they have enjoyed their new one.

In 1904, in Bohemia, Josef Martinec married Julie Strympl, of Litmeriz, that land, daughter of Wenceslaw and Mary (Horky) Strympl. Five children were born of this marriage: 1. Belle Martinec, wife of Otto Rosenwald, of Scotia, New York. 2. William Martinec, now deceased. 3. Joseph Martinec, associated with the J. Martinec Packing Company as sales manager. 4. Ruth Martinec, who is deceased. 5. Evelyn Martinec, graduated in 1940 from Scotia High School.

CHARLES K. SEYMOUR—After devoting his active career to machinery, Charles K. Seymour retired from business and now makes his home at Chatham. He has retained connections with the life of Columbia County since boyhood years and has many interests here.

Mr. Seymour was born at Chatham on January 9, 1882, son of Harvey Alonzo and Nellie (Hawley) Seymour, the former of whom has now passed his ninetieth year, the latter having passed away in 1932. Educated at Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1903, he adopted machinery as his life work and was active as a mechanical engineer until his retirement. A past officer of several corporations, he retains directorships in the Niles Bement Pond Company, the Chatham State Bank, the Shepard Niles Crane & Hoist Corporation, and John Bertram & Sons, Ltd., of Ontario, Canada. Since his retirement, in order to occupy part of his time, he has acquired and now manages Henry Barroll & Company, Inc., at Chatham.

Mr. Seymour is a member of the Engineers' Club and University Club, both of New York City, and the Columbia County Golf Club. He is an Episcopalian in religious faith. His Chatham estate, landscaped by himself, is one of the show places of the county and attracts visitors from all over the country.

In 1910, at Chatham, Mr. Seymour married Florence White of Chatham. They are the parents of three sons: Edward W., who is employed by the National Cash Register Company, at Richmond, Virginia; Thomas C., a student at Long Island Medical College; and Harold Hawley, employed by the Shepard Niles Crane & Hoist Corporation at New York City.

MERRILL CHAMBERS—Turning from his early career as a farmer to his present vocation as a funeral director, Merrill Chambers now conducts his own funeral parlors and chapel at Valatie. He is well known professionally in Columbia County and is one of the most active civic leaders of his own community.

Mr. Chambers was born in 1889 at Rochester, New York, son of Arker C. and Dorinda (Van Vliet) Chambers, both now deceased. His father was a groceryman at Rochester until his death.

Educated in grammar and high schools at Rochester and at Bernard Training School, Merrill Chambers spent his early career in the New York State farm colony. In 1924, however, he entered his present business as a partner in the firm of Kittell & Chambers, funeral directors, at Valatie. In 1934 he bought out his partner's interest and has since continued in business alone. His equipment is most complete, and by local report he has the reputation of operating the most modern funeral parlors in the county.

During his residence in Valatie, Mr. Chambers has always taken an active part in community civic affairs. He was virtually solely responsible for creating the Free Library at Valatie, and his vision and energy have decisively influenced the course of its civic progress. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Chambers is also a member of the Valatie Rod and Gun Club. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he is president of the board of trustees of Valatie Presbyterian Church.

In 1919, at Valatie, Merrill Chambers married Louise Snyder.

WARD L. MARCY—After a varied business career in earlier years, Ward L. Marcy established himself as a hardware merchant in Chatham, where he now conducts the only enterprise of its kind in the village and one of the largest in the county.

Mr. Marcy was born in Dutchess County on September 9, 1872, son of Alvin and Emily (Lee) Marcy, and a descendant of William Learned Marcy, Governor of New York, United States Senator and Secretary of War and Secretary of State in the Federal Government. His father was a machinist, employed in Borden's milk factory at the time of his death.

Ward L. Marcy was educated in public and private schools in Dutchess County and at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie. For ten years at the outset of his career he was a hotel employee and afterwards became a cost accountant for the Allis Chalmers Corporation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained for four years. In 1910 he returned to New York and founded the hardware business of Canham & Marcy, at Chatham. Since that time he has remained in the hardware business. In 1926 he became sole owner of the Pratt & Smethurst store and reorganized it under the present name, Ward L. Marcy & Sons, hardware merchants. In addition to a large stock of general hardware, he carries a complete line of electric supplies, plumbing and heating supplies and acts as county agent for Westinghouse refrigerators. Mr. Marcy is today the only hardware merchant in Chatham and one of its leading citizens.

In addition to his business interests, he is affiliated with the Masonic Order and is active in Chatham Episcopal Church, of which he was treasurer for many years. He served as village trustee for eight years, and was mayor of Chatham for two years.

In 1904, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Ward L. Marcy married Hattie Russell. They are the parents of three sons: Kenneth, Randall, and Donald. The first two are now associated with their father in business, while the youngest son is taking a course in air-conditioning and ventilating engineering, in order to be able to include this branch of engineering in his father's business.

FRANKLIN DU BOIS SMITH. D. V. M.—For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Franklin DuBois Smith has practiced as a veterinary at East Chatham. During this period, he has developed one of the most complete and modern small animal hospitals in the Capital Region and has won a national reputation for his acknowledged professional attainments.

Dr. Smith was born at East Chatham on February 22, 1890, son of Staunton Buckbee and Katherine (DuBois) Smith. His father (*q. v.*) is a well-known Columbia County educator, now retired, and an admired civic leader of the East Chatham community. The mother, Katherine (DuBois) Smith, a descendant of an old and notable family, died in 1930.

Franklin DuBois Smith received his preliminary education in the public schools of East Chatham, was graduated from Albany High School and entered Cornell University, where he prepared for his profession. Following his graduation from this institution with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1914, he began his practice at East Chatham. Dr. Smith is today a nationally recognized authority on the care and feeding of small animals, especially dogs. His hospital facilities, complete and modern in every detail, are utilized by animal owners throughout a wide area in the Capital Region, and his services are in constant demand.

Dr. Smith is a member of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society, Hudson Valley Veterinary Medical Society, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. Outside his profession he has other important interests, both in business and in civic life. He is president of the Chatham Telephone Company. He is a prominent sportsman, now serving as president of the Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation, and a member, in addition, of the Forest Preservation Association and a life member of the National Riflemen's Association. He is also a life member of the Columbia County Agricultural Society, a member and past president of the Chatham Exchange Club, and Past Exalted Ruler of Hudson Lodge, No. 787, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For many years he has been one of the most active figures in the civic and social life of the Chatham area.

On September 2, 1914, at Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Smith married Adela Emma Braun, daughter of William and Emily L. (Brandis) Braun, both deceased. They are the parents of one daughter, Marjorie DuBois Smith, born December 20, 1917, a graduate of the Chatham High School and a graduate nurse of the Hudson City Hospital.

AUGUSTUS WILLIAM BAUER—Although he has been retired since 1937, A. W. Bauer was active in business as a barber at Kinderhook for more than sixty years. He is one of the substantial citizens of his community and has served it both in public office and in many civic capacities.

Mr. Bauer was born at Albany on April 13, 1859, son of Louis and Ernestine (Spicer) Bauer. He learned his trade from his father, who came to this country from Germany and settled in New York City. He went from there to Albany and from Albany to Kinderhook, where he was personal barber to Martin Van Buren, eighth President of the United States. Louis Bauer died in 1936 and his wife in 1928.

A. W. Bauer was educated in the public schools and academy. He became active as a barber in very early youth and gave to this occupation continued service through sixty-seven years, always at Kinderhook, un-

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doubtedly a record seldom equalled in any vocation. Throughout this period he has taken an active part in the development of Kinderhook and by judicious investment has augmented his means. Since his retirement in 1937 he has remained a well-known figure in the life of the community. Mr. Bauer has served as a trustee of the village of Kinderhook, as deputy town clerk and in other capacities. During the World War he was active in the Liberty Loan drives and other organized movements of the period. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Kinderhook Volunteer Fire Department. Mrs. Bauer is a member of the Roman Catholic Church in Kinderhook. In his younger days Mr. Bauer attended the Dutch Reformed Church. Partly through the nature of his vocation and partly because of his own neighborly spirit, he has an exceptionally wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the Columbia County section.

In 1899, Mr. Bauer married Mary Kelley, of Albany, daughter of Robert and Anna (Tracey) Kelley, who came to the United States from Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer became the parents of two children: 1. Augustus W., who was educated at Christian Brothers College and Niagara College and married Agnes White. He has three daughters: Elizabeth, Marilyn, and Priscilla. 2. Paul Edmond, now deceased.

JARVIS S. WHITEMAN, JR.—Continuing on an expanded scale the business originally established by his father, Jarvis S. Whiteman, Jr., now conducts a general mercantile store in the village of Ghent. He is a member of an old Columbia County family and has in his own career maintained its traditions of prominence.

Born at Old Ghent on August 8, 1896, Jarvis S. Whiteman, Jr., is a son of Jarvis S. and Alice (Sharp) Whiteman. He was educated in the local public schools and in the year he attained his majority enlisted in the National Army following the entry of the United States into the World War. Assigned to the 307th Motor Transport Regiment, he went to France with the early detachments of the American Expeditionary Forces and spent fourteen months overseas. He received his discharge after the close of the war, returned home and in 1919 became a partner in his father's wholesale and retail meat business in Old Ghent. This was the only business of its kind in the section. In 1929, after the death of his father, Old Ghent was moved to the new townsite, now known as Ghent. Mr. Whiteman moved with it and continues in business as a merchant, expanding his stock to include a full line of groceries, drugs, toilet articles and other merchandise as well as meats. As proprietor of a general store in the village, he is its leading merchant.

Mr. Whiteman is also a leading figure in all community affairs, and his fellow-townsmen entertain the highest respect for his influence and judgment. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion.

In 1929, at Ghent, Mr. Whiteman married Alida Warfield, *née* Kerner, a daughter of Adam and Margaret (Miller) Kerner. There are three children: Clarence J., Virginia Y., and Margaret M.

FREDERICK J. LONGLEY—A combination of public service and business activity has brought Frederick J. Longley into a position of leadership in Hudson, where he is vice-president and assistant treasurer of the Hudson City Savings Institution.

Mr. Longley was born June 7, 1890, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Louis A. and Annie L. (Jessup) Longley. His father, who came from Onalaska, Wisconsin, was for years associated with the Metropolitan Steamship Company. Then he came to Hudson, where he ran a retail coal business for himself. Later he was connected with the Farmers' National Bank, of Hudson. He died in 1930. The mother, Mrs. Annie L. (Jessup) Longley, of Hudson, died in 1935.

Public schools provided Frederick J. Longley's early education. He attended Williston Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, taking a special degree, with the class of 1914, and for a time thereafter, until 1917, was engaged with different chemical companies. When he returned to civilian life after his World War service, he went to Albany, where he was associated with the engineering branch of the State Tax Department until December 31, 1929. Resigning from the Tax Department on that date, he came on January 2, 1930, to the Hudson City Savings Institution as its assistant treasurer. Later he was also made vice-president, and he retains these two offices.

Entirely aside from his business activities and public service, Mr. Longley has figured prominently in fraternal circles in Hudson. A leading member of the Free and Accepted Masons, he is affiliated with Hudson Lodge, No. 7, is a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 6, and was recorder of Lafayette Commandery, No. 7, the Royal and Select Masters' Council, different Scottish Rite bodies (in which he holds the thirty-second degree), and Cyprus Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of several local clubs, was president of the Columbia County department of health and is president of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church. During the World War he was commanding officer of the 271st Aero Squadron, and was sent to different flying fields, holding the rank of second lieutenant.

In 1927 Frederick J. Longley married Elizabeth G. Cummins, of Goshen, New York. They are the parents of one daughter, Suzanne Longley, who was born June 21, 1930.

HAROLD OAKLEIGH DENEGAR—As postmaster of Germantown, Harold Oakleigh Denegar has performed a valuable work in his native community.

He was born July 15, 1900, son of William H. and Minnie A. Denegar. His father was funeral director for thirty-five years, but is now retired from his active endeavors. From 1923 he was a member of the Germantown Board of Education, and is still so serving.

Public schools of Germantown provided Harold Oakleigh Denegar's early education. He was first employed as a telegraph operator with the New York Central Railroad in 1917, holding that position for five years. In 1922 he purchased a fruit farm and spent sixteen years in its development and expansion. During that period he conducted many experiments in fruit raising. Then, on July 1, 1934, Mr. Denegar was appointed acting postmaster of Germantown. He was appointed postmaster by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 13, 1935. On May 14, 1940, he received confirmation of his reappointment for an indefinite term, word of this appointment coming to him through State Senator James Meade.

In addition to his other public service, Mr. Denegar was elected town clerk of Germantown in 1931. He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Company here and of the Columbia County unit of the National Postmasters' Association. He has taken an active part in the affairs of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is keenly interested in athletics, civic affairs and agricultural development, and has particularly contributed to the introduction of modern methods of fruit farming in this region. Mr. Denegar is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

On May 29, 1920, in Germantown, New York, Harold Oakleigh Denegar married Lila Bonney Rockefeller, daughter of Philip W. and Margaret E. Rockefeller. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Harold Russell Denegar, born May 12, 1921, in Germantown; attended public schools here through the high school grades, was valedictorian of the 1939 high school class, then became a student at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Medicine, at Albany. 2. Vernon R. Denegar, born February 18, 1925; member of the class of 1941 at Germantown High School. 3. Howard William Denegar, born September 29, 1930.

HAROLD SEYMOUR—Formerly engaged in the real estate and brokerage business in White Plains, New York, Harold Seymour has lived in Chatham since 1928, in retirement from business, but not from civic affairs.

Mr. Seymour was born June 28, 1878, at Chatham, New York, son of Harvey Alonzo and Nellie (Hawley) Seymour. His father came from Massachusetts. The mother, born in Chatham, died in 1932.

Public schools in Chatham provided his early education, and he was graduated in 1899 from the College of Pharmacy with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy. Beginning his professional career in Brooklyn, New York, he continued there until 1921, when he moved to White Plains, New York, and entered the real estate and brokerage business. In 1928 Mr. Seymour retired from active business altogether, returned to Chatham, and proceeded to devote his attention to other interests.

He takes an active part in local affairs, being a trustee of the village of Chatham and president of the Columbia County Board of Health, succeeding Dr. Galster, of Hudson, in this latter capacity. Mr. Seymour is active in the Exchange Club and his family are members of the Dutch Reformed Church. He has refrained from other affiliations with social and fraternal groups, and belongs to no secret orders.

Harold Seymour married (first) Helene Bovard, who is now deceased. They were the parents of one son, John Seymour, who was born April 12, 1923. Mr. Seymour married (second) Julia L. Boright, of Chatham, New York, daughter of John W. and Lydia Jane (Parsons) Boright. Her father, long a successful retail lumber dealer, died April 8, 1909. Her mother, Mrs. Lydia Jane (Parsons) Boright, of Spencertown, New York, died June 13, 1929. Mrs. Seymour is a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1910, and had instruction at Harvard University in 1920, studying physical education under Dr. Sargent. She was playground director and later supervisor of physical development in Chatham High School. She is a member of Charity Council of the Order of Eastern Star, of which she was Worthy Matron and which she served in 1932 as district deputy. She also is a member of the Order of Amaranth in Columbia County and with the White Shrine of the Princes of Jerusalem.

DOMINIC A. FAZIOLI—In few countries on the globe could such a free career be possible as that attained by Dominic A. Fazioli, realtor and prominent citizen of Troy, New York. The son of Michael and Mary Fazioli, of Frosolone, Province of Campobasso, Italy, where his father still lives at an advanced age, he came to America while still very young and from then on made his way through life by his own abilities, at various occupations and in widely separated states. Thus when he eventually settled permanently in Troy he had a more extensive knowledge of our country, its people and institutions than most of the native born.

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Dominic A. Fazioli's first job in the United States was at Tupper Lake, New York, as waterboy for construction workers on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad in that section. He removed to Troy in 1895, to enter the employ of the Malleable Iron Company, in its works at Watervliet, New York. He earned but little but he saved something out of his meager pay, and he liked the New World so well that he wanted to tell the folk overseas about the "land of opportunity," where even a boy could get work and a wage that covered necessary expenses and leave enough over for some of the better things of life. In 1896 he went to Italy, but in less than a year was back in New Jersey, where for the following four years he was busily engaged, at one time being with the Belmont Hotel, at Freehold.

Within a year after the turn of the century, Dominic A. Fazioli went to Canada where he was foreman of a construction gang. In about 1902 he traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a new idea to put in practice. With railroad building going on all over the land at such a pace that it was with difficulty enough laborers could be found, why not find the men for the railroads? In the Minnesota city he established a connection with an employment bureau for supplying hands to the Great Northern Railroad, then laying its new and heavier tracks in the Dakotas and Montana toward the Pacific Northwest. Most of these men were poor, and some could speak but little English, so Mr. Fazioli went a step further and furnished food and all manner of supplies to these railroad employees. The business was temporary in character, for railroading never remained long in one place. Later in the year, Mr. Fazioli went to New Mexico, and was foreman on construction operations. In February, 1903, he became general foreman with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, at Hastings, Colorado, where he married.

In 1904 Dominic A. Fazioli came east to Troy, New York, of which city he has since been a permanent resident and business man. His first project was a confectionery and tobacco store at No. 20 Union Street, a very good location. This store he conducted until 1930, when he turned it over to his son, Michael. During the past decade, Mr. Fazioli has been interested in real estate and insurance. He had been buying and selling properties for a number of years while still managing the affairs of his store, but in 1928 he started to give his full time to real estate brokerage, and in 1930 added a number of insurance agencies to his establishment.

Mr. Fazioli has proven himself a sound business man, thoroughly capable of filling executive duties. He is a popular figure in the Troy Chamber of Commerce; is treasurer of the Troy Real Estate Bureau; and treasurer of the Italian Welfare League in the city of Troy. A Republican in his national political allegiance, he has been suggested by his party as a candidate for several municipal posts, the latest, 1939, being that of city treasurer, but he has consistently declined to run. He is keenly interested in civic affairs and in social organizations. Favorite among his clubs is the one devoted to social and recreational activities. He has not only traveled widely in America, but five times has crossed the ocean to visit Europe and his family.

In April, 1903, at Trinidad, Colorado, Dominic A. Fazioli married (first)Theresa E. McNinnie, who died in 1915. They became the parents of one son: Michael F. Fazioli. He married (second), April 14, 1916, Filomena Fazioli, of Troy, New York, and they are the parents of the following children: Christopher T., a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, now employed by the National Starch Company at the San Francisco factory; married, October 26, 1940, Ann Monahan, of Troy; Rita M., a graduate of Russell Sage College, now employed at the College in Troy; married, October 12, 1940, Richard H. Fink, graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, M. Ch. E., now connected with Proctor & Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio; William Alfred, and Donald A.

HARRY SHARPE NEW—Member of an old and industrious Columbia County family, Harry Sharpe New, postmaster of Valatie, represents the fourth generation here. He has had broad business experience in different communities in this district of New York State, and is sole owner of the Spaulding Coal & Feed Business, in Niverville.

Mr. New was born June 25, 1893, in Ghent, New York, son of Charles C. and Jennie (Sharpe) New. His father was a farmer. The long residence of his family in Columbia County has given Harry Sharpe New an intense interest in the history of the region and in the contributions that different individuals and families have made to the general welfare through the years. On the one hand, this interest has led him into a study of genealogy; and, on the other, it has encouraged him to take a personally active part in community affairs and to strive for advancement.

He attended public schools, including the high school, in Valatie, then started his business career by entering into partnership, in 1911, with his brother, Grover C. New, in a confectionery store in Valatie. In 1913 he became bookkeeper for the Howe Coal Yards, also in Valatie. Then, joining forces once more with his brother, he was a partner, from 1916 to 1920, in the conduct of a general store in East Schodack, Rensselaer County. In 1924 he became sole owner of the Spaulding Coal & Feed Business. He has improved and expanded it, keeping it completely abreast of the times. It has closely paralleled the growth of the community itself in the years in which Mr. New has been its directing guide.

Along with his business activities, which have been extensive, Mr. New has rendered valuable public service. For more than a decade, from 1922 to 1933, he was supervisor of Kinderhook. In 1932 he became chairman of the board of supervisors here, and at the same time he was elected trustee of the village of Valatie. His appointment as postmaster of Valatie came to him in 1936 at the hands of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mr. New also takes part in fraternal affairs as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On June 23, 1915 in Valatie, Columbia County, Harry Sharpe New married Laura May Alter, daughter of Herman L. and Elizabeth M. Alter. The son of this marriage, Harry Sharpe New, Jr., born December 8, 1917, in Valatie, received his elementary schooling in Valatie, where he was awarded a State scholarship to Cornell University, and later was awarded a scholarship directly from Cornell, from which he was graduated in 1939. He then became a student at the Amos Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College. Among many Valatie people he is remembered as valedictorian of the 1935 class of the local high school.

CHARLES PITTMAN FRISBEE—During the greater part of his career, Charles Pittman Frisbee has been identified with the textile industry at Stuyvesant Falls, New York. The business firm with which he is associated was founded by his great-grandfather, Adam Van Allen, the pioneer of cotton goods manufacturing in Columbia County. In 1910 it was incorporated as the Frisbee Manufacturing Company, with Mr. Frisbee's father, Charles Frisbee, as president, and Charles P. Frisbee as secretary, a post he filled most capably until his succession to the presidency. This position he held until his retirement in recent years to attend to his large personal interests. Throughout the years this company has been an outstanding contributor to the prosperity of the thriving village of Stuyvesant Falls.

Mr. Frisbee was born on May 10, 1879, at New York City, son of Charles and Anna G. (Van Allen) Frisbee. His father was a lifelong manufacturer and substantial citizen. After completing his education Charles Pittman Frisbee entered the industrial field and so continued. In public life he has served several times on the local board of education. He is a director of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook, New York. In civic affairs he has been active. His religious affiliations are with the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1903, Charles Pittman Frisbee married Harriet Van Alstyne, of Kinderhook, New York, whose forebears date back to the Colonial period of New York in 1660. Mrs. Frisbee is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and serves as Curator of the House of History. Mr. and Mrs. Frisbee are the parents of two sons: 1. Charles Van Alstyne Frisbee, born November 25, 1910, who attended Manlius School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 2. Edward Frisbee, born December 28, 1916, a graduate of Manlius School and Cornell University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws.

CORNELIUS E. DOOLEY—While still a youth, Cornelius E. Dooley, of Philmont, New York, began the manufacture of a cement of great value in the repair of broken china and other household equipment. He began in a very small way, and later developed several other ideas as he tried to cater to general requirements. All were the products of an inventive genius and close, thoughtful observation. Eventually he found a wide sale for what he manufactured and he was capable of supplying the large trade of chain stores in America and the demands of a number of foreign countries. Among the products of his factory are Black Beauty Stove Paste; Black Beauty Stove Cream; Black Beauty Stove Pipe and Gas Range Enamel; Ace-Hi Gold Paint; Ace-Hi Aluminum Paint; Ace-Hi China cement; Ace-Hi Wood Glue; Ace-Hi Rubber Cement; Ace-Hi Liquid Solder; Ace-Hi Shellac; Ace-Hi Turpentine; Ace-Hi Spot Remover; and Ace-Hi Glass Cleaner. These are now distributed not only in our own country, but in the far quarters of the globe.

Mr. Dooley was born on February 21, 1886, at Philmont, with which place his whole life has been identified. He was the son of Thomas F. and Johanna (O'Keefe) Dooley, both natives of Ireland. His father was long connected with the textile industry. Shortly after completing his education in the public and parochial schools, Cornelius E. Dooley engaged in the business with which he has since remained identified, and can well take justifiable pride in the trade he has built on a modest foundation. Unlike Elbert Hubbard's maker of a better mousetrap, he has not waited for buyers to make a pathway to his door, but has gone out into the competitive world and sold the things he has invented and perfected.

He is president of the Dooley Manufacturing Company, Inc., and a director of the Philmont National Bank. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a Past Grand Knight. Mr. Dooley is one of the organizers of the local Lions Club and a popular figure in its membership. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church, the Sacred Heart of Philmont.

In 1907, Cornelius E. Dooley married Stella L. Sherman, a daughter of Frank A. and Ida (Humphrey) Sherman, of Albany, New York. Her father, now retired, formerly operated a hardware and seed store in Albany.

JAMES EDWARD VAN ALSTYNE—Nine successive generations of the Van Alstyne family have dwelt upon the land in the Kinderhook section of New York State, over a period of 273 years. Each generation has produced a son and heir and always one or more who cultivated the soil. "In Europe before the World War, there was not, except the House of Hapsburg, any line of kings as ancient as this simple farm dynasty of the Hudson Valley."

James Edward van Alstyne was born on January 31, 1880, at Kinderhook, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Pruyn) van Alstyne, the former being a farmer and progressive leader in Columbia County affairs. The father died in 1918 and the mother in 1916. The American progenitor of the family, Jans Martense van Aelsteyn, came to New Amsterdam from his native Holland, and after a decade of "adventuring" in the New World, became the possessor of three thousand acres of land lying in the valley of the creek two miles south of the present Kinderhook. Part of it was purchased with beaver skins and grains; part of it was the dowry of his wife, Dirckje Harmens. The given names of eight of nine generations since 1657 are Jans Martense, Abraham Jans, Martin, John Martin, Adam, Peter Edward, Edward and James Edward van Alstyne, with whom this record is primarily concerned.

The family domain has been divided through the years to provide inheritances for younger sons and collateral lines, but six hundred acres are owned by descendants of Jans Martense van Aelsteyn, and there are 220 acres in the home place on which stands the stately brick house built in 1825; added to in 1840, and changed since upon several occasions. To this James Edward van Alstyne returned after completing his schooling and has since engaged in agriculture and horticulture, specializing in dairying and fruit growing and thoroughbred cattle. His certified pedigreed herd of Guernseys is his pride, as well it might be. A student of his vocation, Mr. Van Alstyne has kept abreast of the changing methods in agriculture. Even in his own lifetime the emphasis has shifted from the growing of grains and general crops to milk and milk products; from limited markets and slow transportation to speedy delivery to the Nation's metropolis. He has found ample scope for his best endeavors and the independence in enterprise which is one of the prized possessions of the farmer. Mr. Van Alstyne is a director of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook; vice-president of The Farm Bureau, and chairman of the board; member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He has long been an active supporter of movements and organizations that make for the advance and betterment of the community.

In 1905, James Edward van Alstyne married Mary D. Van Schaack, daughter of John J. and Emma (Daragh) Van Schaack, members of old pioneer families. Her father, a former banker, was paymaster during the War Between the States, and died in 1877; her mother, a native of West Virginia, died in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Van Alstyne are the parents of six children: 1. James Edward, Jr., born March 5, 1907, a graduate of Manlius Preparatory School, now associated with his father on the farm. 2. John Jay, born December 23, 1910, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, now employed as plant engineer for the Lone Star Cement Company. He married on November 9, 1940, Mary E. Endryck. 3. Anna Elizabeth, born April 28, 1913, a graduate of Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts, now a dietitian at Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio. 4. Mary Van Schaack, born April 2, 1915, a graduate of business college, who married, September 2, 1939, George H. Dunham. 5. David, born August 26, 1917, a graduate of Boston University, Boston. 6. Peter Edward, born February 22, 1921, a student at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, at Amherst, Massachusetts.

From a publication of 1938, we quote a paragraph:

> James Edward van Alstyne and Mary van Schaack van Alstyne, I congratulate you because you are the Master and Mistress of a farm so ancient, and so rich in historical tradition. Again I congratulate you because you have the great honor to carry on the line of Edward van Alstyne who was a very gallant gentleman and for many years such a splendid figure in the agricultural life of the Empire State. I declare you to be DOUBLE CENTURY FARMERS and worthy of all honors and distinctions to that degree belonging.

EDWARD RISEDORPH—The Risedorph family is one long and favorably known in Kinderhook, Columbia County. Two of the later generations, Franklyn and Edward Risedorph, father and son, have been consistent promoters of the best interests of the village, as business men, public officials and civic-minded citizens.

Mr. Risedorph was born in Kinderhook, June 27, 1870, son of Franklyn and Sarah Jane (Van Loan) Risedorph. His father, who died in 1925, was an old time carriage manufacturer, whose vehicles were sold over a wide territory. The mother died in 1915. Edward Risedorph, of this record, was educated in the local grammar school and the academy, and was only eighteen years of age when he purchased a small soft drink business of Mr. Alexander, of Kinderhook. This was in 1888, or more than a half century ago when Kinderhook was a small place, and soft drinks had little of the popularity they enjoy today.

Mr. Risedorph believed there was a future in the business and survived some rather barren years before he had it established on a substantial basis. He operated under his own name until 1934, when he incorporated as the Risedorph Bottling Company, himself president and treasurer. In addition to manufacturing its own well-known products, the corporation has the concession for the distribution of "Pepsi-Cola." The scope of operations covers six contiguous counties. The company employs about forty persons; all equipment is of the most modern, and motor trucks distribute products with speed over a wide territory. It need hardly be said that the industry is important to Kinderhook and a valuable factor in its growth and as a source of income.

Mr. Risedorph is a director of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook. He was president of the village of Kinderhook for twelve years, and served on the board for a quarter of a century. During the World War he was a member of many local boards and committees, an active worker in the varied endeavors to bring America's participation in that conflict to a successful conclusion. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Past Master of his lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of various Kinderhook organizations making for the betterment and development of the village. He attends the Episcopal Church, which he serves as a vestryman.

Edward Risedorph married (first) Minnie I. Mandeville, who is deceased. He married (second) Elizabeth R. Best. There are two children: 1. Florence E., graduate of Emma Willard School, who married Charles R. Dayton, and they have two children: i. Jayne. ii. Edward. 2. Marion R., a graduate of Drew Academy and Simmons College.

WALTER DeWITT MARKS—In 1911, Walter DeWitt Marks formed a partnership with Charles E. Wilcox and established the enterprise which has since become one of the business institutions of Old Forge. In addition to other merchandise handled, they have been local distributors for Standard Oil products during the past thirty years.

Mr. Marks was born at Mumford, Monroe County, New York, on November 11, 1877, son of Aaron W. and Mina (Penny) Marks. When he was a boy he moved with his parents to Michigan, where his father, a fish culturist, was employed by the Michigan Fish Commission. Aaron W. Marks was a veteran of the Civil War and during that conflict saw active service with the artillery of the Union Army.

Walter DeWitt Marks was educated in the public schools of Paris, Michigan, and at Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Michigan. He returned to New York at the age of twenty-one to launch his active career at Old Forge and from 1898 to 1911 was associated with the meat business of D. W. Codling, distributor in the Old Forge section for Armour & Company products. In 1911 he formed his present connection with Charles E. Wilcox, establishing a meat and grocery business. In the same year the firm became distributors for Standard Oil products in this area, a business still retained. It has grown steadily during the past thirty years and now gives employment to some thirteen persons during the summer season, when operations are at their peak. In the winter, three people are employed.

In addition to his own business, Mr. Marks is also vice-president of the First National Bank of Old Forge, an office he has held since 1917. He is a director of the bank and of the Old Forge Amusement Corporation. Well known in the business life of the county, he has also been active in civic affairs and is past president of the village of Old Forge and past president of its board of trustees. When the village was first incorporated in 1902, he was elected first village clerk. His record of public service includes two additional terms as a member of the Old Forge School Board.

Mr. Marks is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he has been prominent. He is not only active in the local Blue Lodge, but is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He is a member of the Old Forge Fish and Game Club and for twenty-five years has been trustee and treasurer of Nichols Memorial Church. In politics, Mr. Marks is a Democrat. Hunting and baseball are his hobbies and favorite recreations.

On April 16, 1902, at Big Rapids, Michigan, Walter DeWitt Marks married Annette Cramer, who was born at Big Rapids, daughter of George and Ella (Hilliker) Cramer, both of Canadian birth. Her father, who was born on February 18, 1844, died in July, 1880. Her mother, born at Otterville, Canada, on April 9, 1846, died on May 18, 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Marks are the parents of two children: 1. George Aaron, born at Old Forge on October 26, 1904, educated in the Old Forge public schools, Hamilton College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1924, and at Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1928. He served his interneship at Massachusetts General Hospital and is now engaged in the exclusive practice of surgery at Boston. He married, in 1933, Emily Howe, of Boston, who was born in 1906, and they have two children: Anne, born June 21, 1937, and George Aaron, Jr., born May 28, 1939. 2. Lucille Florence, born at Old Forge on February 18, 1908, married, on October 21, 1933, Morgan Fitch Bisselle, a Utica lawyer, who was born in New York City on March 25, 1908. They have two sons, Philip Morgan, born in New York City on March 6, 1935; and Walter Cleveland, born in New York City on December 31, 1939.

Walter D. Marks

ASAHEL G. HARVEY—Throughout his mature life, Asahel G. Harvey has taken an active part in the affairs of the city of Hudson and Columbia County, of which he is a native. In this and other respects he has followed the noteworthy example of his father and the traditions of an old New York State family.

Born at Hudson, New York, July 7, 1884, Mr. Harvey is the son of Charles and Anne (Griffith) Harvey, both of New York State. His mother died in 1926 and his father lived to 1940. The older man was prominent in politics in this section of the State over a long period and held numerous public offices; he was a mayor of Hudson and a member of the common council.

Asahel G. Harvey completed his education in local schools and a business college. His first connection of note was with the Firemen's Home, at Hudson, where he was secretary for about fourteen years. He joined J. D. Phillip to engage in the insurance business under the firm name of Phillip & Harvey, which grew to be an increasingly important factor in its field during the following quarter of a century. In 1935 Mr. Harvey sold the business and has since been the popular and efficient postmaster of Hudson under appointment of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

During the World War Mr. Harvey participated in many of the activities of that strenuous period. At one time he held the rank of captain in the local unit of the New York State National Guard. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a life member of the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department, the Hudson Stamp Club, and the Columbia County Historical Society. A well-known philatelist, his stamp collection is one of the best in this section and is growing steadily in value and interest.

In 1933 Asahel G. Harvey married Mildred E. Rosever, of New York State.

MILTON V. SAULPAUGH—As sheriff of Columbia County, Milton V. Saulpaugh, of Hudson, has rendered outstanding service to the people and institutions in this area of New York State, particularly through the maintenance of fine conditions of law and order.

Mr. Saulpaugh was born March 18, 1896, in Hudson, New York, son of Thomas L. and Mary (Morrison) Saulpaugh, of Columbia County. His father, who died in 1899, was for years engaged in work in the railway industry, and was also connected with the Hudson Police Department.

Public schools in Hudson provided Milton V. Saulpaugh's early education. He was afterward engaged for about ten years in the men's furnishing business in Hudson, owning his own store. In 1930 he was elected sheriff of Columbia County to succeed Fred Jacobs. At that period there was a law on the statute books stipulating that a sheriff could not succeed himself. Mr. Saulpaugh had, therefore, to withdraw temporarily from the office. But when that law was rescinded, he was again elected sheriff in 1936, holding the position down to the time of writing.

As treasurer of the New York State Association of Sheriffs, Mr. Saulpaugh has attended numerous conventions, and he is a sheriff whose record is an enviable one, as well as one of his county's leading citizens. He is highly esteemed for his many other services to the community, both in public office and as a member and leader in different organizations. He has served as a member of the Hudson Common Council and the Commission of Public Safety. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Columbia Country Club and the American Legion. In the Legion he is a Past Commander of the Hudson post and commander of the Columbia County organization. He enlisted in the army for World War service, and was in the American Expeditionary Forces with the infantry, taking part in several offensives and gaining the rank of second lieutenant. He is a past president of Hose Company No. 1 of the Hudson Fire Department and a member of its board of trustees. He is also a director of the Boys' Club.

ELIAB B. GIFFORD—The late Eliab B. Gifford was for many years engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Chatham, where he interested himself in a variety of business and civic affairs and was honored, trusted and loved. His son, Lester E. Gifford (*q. v.*) has carried forward much of the father's work, and the enterprise that both men conducted together for many years reflects the generosity and fine spirit of the former head of the firm.

Eliab B. Gifford was born in 1860, at Canaan, New York, son of Lester and Martha (West) Gifford. His father was a farmer. Schools in Massachusetts provided his early education, after which he served as a grocery clerk at Canaan, coming to Chatham about 1886. At about the turn of the century he bought an interest in a furniture and funeral directing business here, taking over the entire enterprise in 1908. He conducted it for many years until his death. He associated his son with him, and the latter now continues the business.

The elder Mr. Gifford was the leader in many Chatham projects of magnitude and importance. He was a director of the Chatham Coöperative Telephone Company and one of its organizers and founders. He was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum. He was a member of the official board of the Chatham Methodist Church.

In 1885 Eliab B. Gifford married Jessie D. Brown. They were the parents of two children: 1. Sarah Mildred Gifford, wife of John O. Blinn, Jr., and mother of their daughters, Doris Jean and Elizabeth Blinn. 2. Lester E. Gifford (*q. v.*).

The death of Eliab B. Gifford, in 1925, was a great loss to Chatham, though all who knew him felt enriched by their long association with him and by the fine influence that he exerted everywhere about him. He will be remembered with deep warmth of affection by a host of friends in all walks and departments of life.

LESTER E. GIFFORD—Serving as Chatham's funeral director, Lester E. Gifford is widely known in this district of New York State, and carries on his work for the most part within a fifteen-mile radius from Chatham.

Mr. Gifford was born July 23, 1887, in Chatham, New York, son of Eliab B. Gifford (*q. v.*), who was engaged in the same line of business, and Jessie D. (Brown) Gifford. His grandparents were Lester Gifford and Martha (West) Gifford.

Chatham's schools furnished Lester E. Gifford's early education; later he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, though he took no degree there. Throughout his business career he has been engaged in furniture dealing and funeral directing. The firm that he now heads was bought, in part, by his father, at about the turn of the century, and in 1908 the father bought the entire business, since which time it has been operated entirely by the Giffords. At the father's death, in 1925, Lester E. Gifford took over direction of the enterprise, which has gone ahead successfully under his guidance. The Gifford equipment is up-to-date and complete, and everything is done to assure the comfort and convenience of patrons.

Entirely aside from his business activities, Mr. Gifford has taken a consistent interest in Chatham affairs. He is secretary of the Chatham Telephone Company, treasurer of the local Red Cross organization, and treasurer of the Chatham school system. His service to cultural interests has been noteworthy, not alone through his assistance to schools and organizations, but by his writing and studies, particularly in genealogy. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Hudson lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a number of Chatham clubs.

In 1918 Lester E. Gifford married Berenice J. Payne, of New York.

LELAND O. WHITE, M. D.—Member of families long established in western Schoharie County, Leland O. White, M. D., is the second successive generation to practice medicine in this section of New York. His great-grandfather built his own log cabin and cleared his own land near West Richmondville, New York, a farm on which grandfather Alfred White and his father, Dr. Hamilton White, were born.

Leland O. White was born on the Reuben Lowell farm a short distance from the White estate, July 8, 1875, son of Dr. Hamilton White. His mother was the former Alwilda Lowell, daughter of Reuben and Catherine (Seaber) Lowell, born at Lowell's Corners, New York, in the town of Sharon, where the Lowell family settled in the latter part of the eighteenth century. She was a distant cousin of James Russell Lowell, and their ancestor was Percival Lowell (Lowle), of Somerset, England, born in 1571, who came from Bristol, Great Britain, to Newbury, Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1639.

After completing his formal education in the Clinton Liberal Institute, a military school, at Fort Plain, New York, Leland O. White matriculated at the Albany Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1901, a Doctor of Medicine. He first practiced his profession with his father in Fort Plain, New York, but in July, 1901, established himself in Sharon Springs, where he has since continued in a general practice. Few men are more widely known, for from the first—the horse and buggy days—he traveled the country far and wide, never refusing any call for his services no matter how trivial the trouble might prove to be or the distance to the patient's home. As the family doctor of sometimes three generations he holds that unique position that comes only to men of his type and work—the friend, confidant and advisor of hundreds of people. All this aside, or in addition to medical services rendered.

Dr. White has been a coroner in Schoharie County for twenty years; is medical director of the White Sulphur Company, and a member of the regular medical associations. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Sharon Springs; for the last decade has been a trustee of the village of Sharon Springs; and has been a trustee of the Public Library since 1910, when he helped to organize this valuable local institution. A popular figure in Masonic circles, Dr. White affiliates with the Sharon Springs Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and he is a Past Grand officer of New York State. He worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Sharon Springs, of which he is a trustee.

On December 23, 1902, Leland O. White, M. D., married Juanita Downing, daughter of Miles and Lucy

Leland O. White M.D.

(Woodburn) Downing, born May 29, 1875, at Fort Plain, New York. Miles Downing was a prominent merchant in the Mohawk Valley of New York, and traces his ancestry to Sir George Downing, for whom Downing Street, London, England, is named. Dr. and Mrs. White are the parents of a daughter, Marjorie, born at Sharon Springs, June 1, 1911. She married Carl Ernest Shineman, of Canajoharie, New York, and now resides in Rochester, and is the mother of a daughter, Sara Lowell, born October 29, 1939.

SHERWOOD B. SPEED—As county attorney of Columbia County. Sherwood B. Speed, who is one of Hudson's leading lawyers, has performed notable work of which he is justly proud.

Mr. Speed was born October 8, 1891, in Hudson, New York, son of Harry S. and Emma (Bagley) Speed, of New York State. His father, who died in 1940, was a merchant, engaged for many years in the shoe business.

Public schools of Hudson provided Sherwood B. Speed's early education, and after graduation from Williston Academy he went to Colgate University, and was later graduated in the class of 1916, as a Bachelor of Laws, from Albany Law School. Before his admittance to the bar, in 1918, he was clerk of the surrogate court at Hudson. Then, in 1918, he commenced a general law practice under his own name in Hudson, continuing this work down to the time of writing.

This practice, combined with his service as county attorney, since 1929, has brought him wide recognition. He succeeded James J. Brennan in the county attorney's post, and continues to acquit himself with eminent satisfaction. He is a member of lodge and Royal Arch Chapter of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Dutch Reformed Church has been both elder and deacon.

On August 25, 1924, Sherwood B. Speed married Katherine F. Wild, of Valatie, New York. One son, Harry S. Speed, was born of this marriage on April 16, 1926.

LAURENS A. STAPLES—In Hudson, Laurens A. Staples conducts one of the finest monument manufacturing works to be found between New York City and Albany. His standing is high in his trade, Mr. Staples having served for three years as president of the New York State Monumental Association, and he is widely known for his business and civic activities.

He was born April 13, 1892, at Pioneer, near Montpelier, Vermont, son of O. F. and Laura Gilmore (Black) Staples, of Vermont and New York State, respectively. His father, who is now deceased, was also the owner of a monument works.

Public schools provided Laurens A. Staples early education. He proceeded, immediately upon leaving the classroom, to learn his trade under his father's guidance, the elder Mr. Staples then having a business at Valhalla, New York. In 1911 Laurens A. Staples came to Hudson, where he was employed by P. Hoctor & Son for about ten years. In 1921 he started his own business, opening a small place and later moving to his present site. He has built up what is recognized as being one of the finest establishments of its kind in the river area. His equipment is thoroughly modern and up-to-date, as is the office building itself, and the entire business is comparable, in its standards and output, with the best-fitted metropolitan establishments of the kind.

Not only is Mr. Staples sole owner of the business, but he is active in community affairs. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and of the board of directors of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce, and is active in the Dutch Arms Club. During the World War period he served in the Home Guard. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Hudson Baptist Church. Whenever any new enterprise or project is getting under way, Mr. Staples is usually called upon to take a leading part in it or, at least, to give important advice and help. One such time arose when the NRA was established in 1933. At that time Mr. Staples was the representative of the employers in his industry on the local Code Authority Board. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Columbia County Historical Society and other groups, and is eligible to all the Colonial societies.

Laurens A. Staples married, in 1913, Ruth L. Snyder, of Columbia County, member of an old family of the county, daughter of John D. and Harriet (Dakin) Snyder. One daughter, Kathryn Burton Staples, was born of this marriage on March 17, 1914. She is a graduate of Skidmore College, and has had graduate work at Columbia University, New York City. She is now art supervisor in the schools at Canton, New York.

JOHN STERLING WYCKOFF—Following his active service in the American Army during the World War, John Sterling Wyckoff settled in Columbia County. He has since operated a dairy farm at Copake Falls, and in latter years has also become active in public life, serving at present as deputy county treasurer.

Mr. Wyckoff was born at Jamaica, Long Island, on March 27, 1896, son of John and Jennie (Spader) Wyckoff. His father, who died in 1911, was a banker.

John Sterling Wyckoff was educated in the public schools of Jamaica and after high school attended Rutgers Preparatory School. He enlisted in the National

Army following the entry of the United States into the World War, and saw active service overseas as regimental supply sergeant of the 106th Infantry, 27th Division. Upon his return from the war, he purchased his present 140-acre farm at Copake Falls, which he has since developed into one of the finest dairy farms in this section, maintaining a fine herd of Holstein cows.

As a resident of Columbia County Mr. Wyckoff has taken a keen interest in county affairs and has a record of considerable public service to his credit. He was justice of the peace at Copake from 1928 to 1932, served as supervisor of the town from 1932 to 1939, and in the latter year assumed his present office as deputy county treasurer. He has proved himself an able and efficient official. In addition to his other connections, Mr. Wyckoff is a charter member of Closson-Raught Post, No. 1160, American Legion, and is affiliated with Hillsdale Masonic Lodge. He is also a member of the Copake Rod and Gun Club.

On August 11, 1920, in New York City, he married Corrine Bursley. Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff are the parents of three children: John Sterling, Jr., born at Newark, New Jersey, July 20, 1921; Donald Ledyard, born at Hudson, New York, July 5, 1923; and Carol Sally, born January 10, 1930. Mr. Wyckoff's sons have followed his example in entering the armed forces of his country. John Sterling Wyckoff, Jr., is now corporal in the 5th Field Artillery, 9th Division, United States Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, and his brother, Donald Ledyard Wyckoff, is a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

JESSE W. LEWIS—Thirty years ago, Jesse W. Lewis entered the service of the General Electric Company in Schenectady. He has since risen within the organization to his present office as treasurer, in which capacity he is one of the principal executives of the company and a prominent figure in Schenectady life.

Mr. Lewis was born at Fenton, Michigan, on November 19, 1880, son of Leslie and Etta (Wolfrom) Lewis. His father, who died in 1884, was a pioneer of the western frontier and later an apple and farm products broker in Fenton, his birthplace. The mother, Etta (Wolfrom) Lewis, was born in Newark, New York, and died in October, 1931.

Jesse W. Lewis received his general education in the public schools of New York City, supplementing this training by night school courses in stenography, accounting and statistical work. For about twenty years he was employed as an accountant and statistician and during this period, in 1910, entered the service of the General Electric Company as chief statistician. Subsequently he was promoted to the position of assistant comptroller and in 1923 was designated as assistant to the president of the company, Gerard Swope, continuing as such for thirteen years. In 1936 he was elected treasurer of the General Electric Company and has since devoted himself to the large responsibilities of this office, for which he qualified by his long experience and successful record in the organization.

Mr. Lewis is also a director of many affiliated corporations, including the Electrical Securities Corporation, the Lock Insulator Corporation, the Electric Mutual Liability Insurance Company, of which he is treasurer as well as director; the General Electric Contracts Corporation, the Electric Acceptance Corporation and the General Electric Realty Corporation, of which he is also vice-president and secretary. He is a trustee of the General Electric Pension Trust, treasurer and director of the G. E. Employees Securities Corporation, and in addition to these interests is treasurer of the Loughborough Mining Company.

At Schenectady, Mr. Lewis is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Mohawk Club. He is also a member of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club at Port Washington, New York, a connection reflecting his fondness for water sports, which are his principal recreation. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

On March 17, 1910, Jesse W. Lewis married Florence Smith, of Moravia, New York.

ROY BRADLEY HOAG—Joining the Schenectady Savings Bank in 1917, after an earlier career in business and banking, Roy Bradley Hoag has risen within this organization during the past twenty-three years to his present position as executive vice-president. He is a well-known figure in Schenectady life.

Mr. Hoag was born in Albany on September 7, 1888, son of Samuel and Josephine (Slingerland) Hoag. His father, who was born in Albany County in 1845, and died in 1895, was owner and operator of an express company in Albany. His mother was born in Reidsville.

Roy Bradley Hoag was educated in Albany public schools and after completing his high school course, entered the employ of the New York State National Bank. He spent a year with this institution and the following year with the First National Bank of Albany, after which he became associated with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, starting as clerk. Subsequently he became an accountant for the company, continuing this connection for twelve years. In 1917, however, he returned to his earlier banking career and joined the Schenectady Savings Bank as a clerk. Since that time he has won rapid advancement which brought him successively to the positions of auditor, controller, assistant

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secretary, secretary and controller, vice-president and treasurer and executive vice-president. As executive vice-president he is the chief operating official of the bank.

Mr. Hoag is also a trustee of the institution. He was first president of the Schenectady Chapter of the American Institute of Banking and at the national convention of the American Institute of Banking held at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1929, he conducted the Savings Bank Conference as chairman. In addition to his banking connections, he has served as director and treasurer of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and was formerly president of the Schenectady Better Business Bureau. He is a director of the Boys Club of America, and a member of the Mohawk Club, Mohawk Golf Club, Schenectady Curling Club, and Aurania Club of Albany. In 1939 and 1940 he was a member of the National Advisory Committee for the State of New York in connection with the World's Fair in New York City. He is at present a member of the executive committee of the Savings Banks Association of New York State. Mr. Hoag is a Republican in politics and a member of the Second Reformed Church at Schenectady. Fishing, photography and bridge are his hobbies.

In November, 1910, he married Gladys Relyea, of Ballston Spa, New York, daughter of George W. and Nancy (Koone) Relyea. Mr. and Mrs. Hoag are the parents of two children: George Beecher, born in October, 1911; and Bentley Orville, born in August, 1913.

MERRITT E. DE LONG—Extensively engaged in farming in East Jewett, Merritt E. De Long is one of the leading citizens of his community and of Greene County. Holding different public offices and maintaining affiliations with some of the leading organizations in this vicinity, he is a respected and trusted individual and a substantial contributor to the life of his times.

Mr. De Long was born December 8, 1888, in Jewett, New York, son of Reuben and Lydia (Tompkins) De Long. His father, long one of Jewett's leading agriculturists, is now deceased.

District schools in Maple Crest provided Merritt E. De Long's early formal education, and in young manhood he became a gardener at Onteora Park, in the town of Jewett, continuing in that position for about eighteen years thereafter. He then went into the lumber business, but after two years began giving his time to farming and road work. He was elected town superintendent of roads in 1926, and so served until 1932. Elected again to this post in 1934, he has continued this work down to the time of writing. He has been intensely active in civic affairs, and has served as treasurer of the Windham Consolidated School Board since the second year of its existence. Politically he is a Republican. His farm property consists of about 218 acres, on which he produces feed for a herd of thirty-five to fifty cattle.

In addition to his own private farming and his public work, Mr. De Long is a member of the Windham Lodge and of the Royal Arch Chapter, Free and Accepted Masons, of Windham; the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Tannersville; and the Grange at Jewett Heights. He is a trustee of the Methodist Church.

On November 22, 1916, Merritt E. De Long married Marguerite Mallory, of Jewett, daughter of Cyrus and Emma (Simmons) Mallory, now deceased, of this place. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Alvena De Long, graduated from Windham High School and the New York State Teachers College at Albany; became the wife of Elwood Hitchcock and the mother of their son, William Hitchcock. 2. Douglas De Long, a graduate of Windham High School, now engaged in farming, unmarried. 3. Merritt E. De Long, Jr., who is now deceased. 4 and 5. Merrill and Beatrice De Long, both students in Windham Central schools.

JOHN EDWARD GAINOR, M. D.—Since 1933, Dr. John Edward Gainor has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Elsmere. His professional qualifications, early evidenced in his practice, have made possible the successful progress of his career.

Dr. Gainor was born at Salem, Washington County, on July 1, 1905, son of John W. and Mary E. (Quinn) Gainor and a grandson of Thomas Gainor who established the family there. His father, born at Salem in July, 1867, died in 1934, was clerk of Salem and an active Democrat in politics. His mother was born in Cambridge, Washington County, on December 11, 1879.

After completing his preparatory education at Washington Academy in 1922, John Edward Gainor spent three years at New York State College and then entered Albany Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1930. During the following year he interned at Albany Hospital, and from 1931 to 1933 was associated in practice with Dr. Thomas M. Holmes (*q. v.*) at Delmar. After this thorough preparation, he launched his independent practice at Elsmere and has since devoted himself to its responsibilities, which consist of general medical work of all kinds and minor surgery.

Dr. Gainor is a member of the faculty of Albany Medical College, serving as instructor in medicine. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Albany County Medical Society, the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, the Normanside Club Corporation and the Holy Name Society of St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church in Elsmere, of which parish he is a member. For several years he has held a commission as first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps.

On April 17, 1933, at Albany, Dr. Gainor married Edmunda Ringelman, daughter of Frank and Celeste Ringelman. They are the parents of four children, all born in Albany: Patricia, Kathleen, John W. and Michael.

JOHN FAYETTE MOSHER, M. D.—Entering the medical profession in 1927, Dr. John Fayette Mosher spent more than a year in gaining specialized experience before initiating a general practice in Coeymans, New York. Here he has not only won a reputation for himself as a physician and surgeon, but as well for his civic-minded activities and identification with many phases of local life.

Dr. Mosher was born at Northville, New York, on May 3, 1903, son of George Elwyn and Martha Estelle (George) Mosher, both natives of Conklingville, New York, the father born April 4, 1865, the mother on June 22, 1873. George E. Mosher was long a merchant at Northville, a leader in the local Democratic party, and a substantial citizen of the place. Ancestors of the family settled in the early 1700s in Saratoga County.

After attending the Northville grammar and high school, John Fayette Mosher completed his academic and technical education in Union College, class of 1925, and Albany Medical College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1927. He interned at the Albany General Hospital and during 1927 and 1928 was house physician in Crichton House, Harmon-on-the-Hudson, New York, for four months. Since June, 1929, Dr. Mosher has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Coeymans, with offices situated on Church Street.

Dr. Mosher is health officer of Coeymans, and is a member of the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Association and Albany County Medical Society. His college and professional fraternities are Theta Delta Chi and Nu Sigma Nu. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 804, Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps and the University Club. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On September 6, 1930, at Coeymans, New York, Dr. John Fayette Mosher married Helen Findlay Deans, born in Elmira, daughter of William and Christine (Findlay) Deans, her father born near Watertown, New York, and her mother in Lansdowne, Canada. Dr. and Mrs. Mosher are the parents of two sons: 1. John Fayette, Jr., born November 22, 1933, at Coeymans. 2. Thomas Findlay, born at Coeymans, November 2, 1936.

NATHANIEL F. FLATER, M. D.—The background, training and experience of Dr. Nathaniel F. Flater, of Latham, New York, are exceptionally interesting, colorful and broad. His formal and technical education was acquired in Canada. His ancestors were Colonial settlers in New England, and no doubt some of them joined the trek of the United Empire Loyalists into the eastern townships after the Revolutionary War. Born in the far West, Dr. Flater spent the most of his life in western Canada. When he had received his medical degree he chose to practice his profession in Albany, New York, after a few years removing to Latham.

Dr. Flater was born at Rock Springs, Wyoming, November 1, 1901, son of Herbert and Laura (Ginther) Flater. His father was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, November 23, 1865, and his mother at Portage, Wisconsin. The elder man was a rancher and cattleman. Nathaniel F. Flater attended the Westward Ho College, at Edmonton, Province of Alberta, Canada, 1912-1915; Alberta College, 1915-16; Western Canada College, 1917-19; McGill University, Montreal, and the University of Alberta, from which he was graduated in 1927, a Doctor of Medicine. He interned at the Memorial Hospital, Albany, New York, during all of 1928. Dr. Flater began the practice of his profession at Albany, becoming associated with Orvis A. Brenenstahl, M. D., a connection that was continued until November, 1931. Since that time he has been located at Latham, New York, carrying on an independent general practice.

Dr. Flater serves on the staff of the Leonard Hospital and the Memorial Hospital, Albany. His professional memberships include those in the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Albany County Medical Association. His favorite club is the Watervliet Fish and Game. He is an amateur aviator, with a number of hours of flying solo to his credit as a pilot. His religious affiliations are with the Anglican Church.

On October 28, 1931, at Albany, New York, Dr. Nathaniel F. Flater married Julia W. Kampfer, a native of this city.

WILLIAM CASWELL—In his capacity as a funeral director, William Caswell has performed a work of value and distinction in Ravena.

Mr. Caswell was born October 24, 1883, in Coeymans, Albany County, son of William and Gertrude (Slack) Caswell. His father, born October 20, 1838, in Coeymans, died in 1918, was a funeral director, a soldier in the Civil War, a Republican in politics, and at one time road superintendent of the town of Coeymans. The mother was born in 1840 in Coeymans Hollow, and died in 1922.

District schools provided William Caswell's early education in the town of Coeymans and in Coeymans Hollow, and he later became a student at the Dodge School of Embalming, where he was graduated in 1912. In early life he was associated with his father in the undertaking business in Coeymans Hollow, beginning about 1905. When he prepared himself through special studies for advanced work in his profession, he assumed ever greater responsibilities in connection with the business. His father died in 1918, after which Mr. Caswell continued the business independently. Today he has one of the finest funeral directing establishments in existence in New York State, with headquarters in Ravena, where he is capably assisted by his son, Paul Caswell. A licensed undertaker and embalmer, he also operates a fifty-acre farm as an avocation, raising bees in his four hundred hives and producing twenty-two tons of honey in the single year 1939.

Independent in his political views, Mr. Caswell served in 1930 as road superintendent of the town of Coeymans. He is an active fraternalist, belonging to the Free and Accepted Masons and taking a lively interest in the affairs of the order. Hunting and fishing are his favorite leisure-time recreations, and he is fond of all outdoor life. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

At Coeymans Hollow, New York, William Caswell married Georgia Dunbar, a native of Coeymans, daughter of Jeremiah and Adelia (Cook) Dunbar, both natives of New York State, the father of New Baltimore and the mother of Coeymans. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Caswell: 1. Paul Dunbar Caswell, born at Coeymans. 2. Bernice Adelia Caswell, born at Coeymans Hollow.

GEORGE H. SMITH, M. D.—Dr. George H. Smith is engaged in the practice of medicine at Slingerlands. Dr. Smith was born December 26, 1905, at Albany, New York, son of William B. and Estelle M. (Heindel) Smith. His father, born in Albany, is connected with the City and County Savings Bank there. His mother was born in Ohio.

He was educated in public schools in Albany, graduating from Albany High School in 1925. He took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Dartmouth College in 1929, and in 1933 was made Doctor of Medicine by Albany Medical College. There followed an interneship at Albany Hospital in 1933 and 1934, and another at Waterbury Hospital, Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1934 and 1935. Then he started his active practice of medicine at Slingerlands, where he has been located since 1936. He belongs to the Albany County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

In Scarsdale, New York, April 22, 1939, Dr. Smith married Jane Anderson, who was born in Binghamton, New York, daughter of Carl E. and Hilda (Coughtry) Anderson. They have one child, Anderson E. Smith, born May 29, 1940.

HARRY J. GERLING—Entering public life after an extended business career, Harry J. Gerling is now serving as county clerk of Montgomery County. He is a resident of Amsterdam, from which he was previously elected supervisor.

Mr. Gerling was born in Amsterdam on December 23, 1885, son of Henry J. and Elizabeth (Farkell) Gerling, and a grandson of Christian Gerling, born in Germany in 1830, who settled in Schenectady and died in Amsterdam in 1910. Henry J. Gerling, the father, was born in Schenectady on April 10, 1863, and was a broom maker during his active career. The mother, Elizabeth (Farkell) Gerling, was born at Canajoharie, August 11, 1863, and died August 28, 1940.

Harry J. Gerling was educated in the Amsterdam public schools, where he completed the high school course in 1902, and at Reynolds Business College, from which he was graduated in the following year. From 1903 to 1917 he was employed by the General Electric Company at the Schenectady plant, working in the switchboard billing department. At the end of this time he became associated with Edward B. Stansfield, dealers in cotton and cotton waste at Amsterdam, and continued in this connection until January 1, 1939, when he resigned to devote his entire time to public service. Meanwhile, from 1928 to 1931, he served as supervisor from the Sixth Ward of the city of Amsterdam, establishing his reputation as a capable and efficient public official. On January 1, 1932, he was appointed clerk of the board of supervisors and continued as such until he assumed office as county clerk. Elected to this post in 1938, he took over his new duties on January 1, 1939, and is now serving a three-year term.

Mr. Gerling is a Republican in politics and has been prominent in the party organization. He is a member of the County Clerks Association, the Association of the Supervisors of Montgomery County, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Amsterdam, of which he was secretary for twelve years, the Men's Republican Club, the Fonda Fish and Hunting Club, the St. Johnsville Rod and Gun Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Improved Order of Red Men. These connections reflect the range of his civic interests and social activities. A Methodist in religious faith, he is a member of the First Methodist Church of Amsterdam.

On June 26, 1911, at Amsterdam, Mr. Gerling married Ella Dean, who was born in this city on July 4, 1890, daughter of John G. and Emma (Perkins) Dean. They became the parents of one daughter, Beatrice, born at Amsterdam on September 20, 1912; married, on April 17, 1938, Ellis T. Bookwalter, of Sharon, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bookwalter died on December 24, 1939.

FELIX J. AULISI—Since 1932, Felix J. Aulisi has served as surrogate of Montgomery County. He has been an active member of the Amsterdam bar during the past fifteen years and came to his present office after previous experience in city and county posts.

Surrogate Aulisi was born at Laviano, Salerno, Italy, on June 18, 1901, son of Joseph and Rosalie (Del Vecchio) Aulisi. His father, a shoemaker, was born in Italy on September 21, 1876. His mother was also born there on May 16, 1878.

Felix J. Aulisi was twelve years old when he came to the United States. He attended the public schools of Amsterdam and after completing the high school course, studied at Union College in 1920-21, and at Albany Law School (Union University), where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1924. On September 15, 1925, he was admitted to the New York bar and began the practice of his profession at Amsterdam with the law firm of Conover, Myers and Searle. This connection he continued for five years, after which he launched his independent practice in Amsterdam. Surrogate Aulisi has never limited his professional activities and has appeared at the bar in a wide variety of cases. During the greater part of his career he has also been active in the field of public service. For three years he was a member of the Civil Service Commission of the city of Amsterdam and for four years was assistant district attorney of Montgomery County. In 1932 he was designated to the Surrogate Court's bench in this county and has since administered the responsibilities of this office.

Surrogate Aulisi, who continues to make his home in Amsterdam, is active in many community enterprises. He is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Amsterdam Baseball Club and a director of the Italian Hall Corporation. He has been profoundly interested in the Boy Scout movement in this county, is a member of the Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Amsterdam Kiwanis Club, and other local organizations. Influential in the New York Italian community, he is Assistant Grand Venerable of the Sons of Italy Grand Lodge, Inc., and a member of the American Sons of Italy. Judge Aulisi is also active in other fraternal orders, including Amsterdam Lodge, No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Artisan Lodge, No. 84, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Improved Order of Red Men. In addition to these connections, he is a member of the New York State and Montgomery County Bar associations, the Men's Republican Club of Amsterdam, the Amsterdam Fish and Game Club, the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club, the Columbian Club and the Hurricana Club. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 26, 1927, in Albany, Felix J. Aulisi married Rose Marie Pipito, who was born in Italy, on January 3, 1904, daughter of Salvatore and Nancy Pipito. They are the parents of two daughters: Rosalie Virginia, born in Amsterdam on September 2, 1928, and Nancy Ann, born in Amsterdam on October 24, 1931.

GARDNER C. CLAWSON—Engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits in Athens, Gardner C. Clawson not only has a prominent part in several branches of farming, but takes the lead in many aspects of the public life of his town and county.

Mr. Clawson was born October 16, 1882, in Lexington, Greene County, New York, son of Walter and Addie M. (Plank) Clawson, of Lexington. His father, who was born in 1860, is a retired farmer. The mother is deceased.

District schools provided Gardner C. Clawson's early education. Until he was twenty-one years of age he was engaged in farming with his father in Lexington, and then he came to the town of Athens, where he took up his own independent agricultural work. He specializes now in fruit and pure-bred Guernsey cows, of which he has twenty head. He also has several brood sows and some fine poultry.

Active in community affairs, he is a Democrat in his political alignment, and at different periods has held numerous town offices. He gives a great deal of time to his activities as clerk of the Greene County Board of Supervisors, in which he has served two terms at the time of writing. For several years he was a member of the board of supervisors. Mr. Clawson is one of the most active men in town and county affairs. He is a Past Master of the Grange. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Catskill Lodge, Catskill Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Catskill Council of Royal and Select Masters. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Hudson, and has served in all the offices. He is a member of the Reformed Church. In spare time he is fond of the out-of-doors, enjoying such healthful sports as baseball, and he also likes bowling.

Gardner C. Clawson married, December 10, 1903, Leah E. Van Valkenburg, of Athens, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Roy P. Clawson, a

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graduate of Athens schools and Albany Business College, now associated with the Coxsackie Supply Company. 2. Viva B. Clawson, a graduate of Athens schools and the New Paltz Normal School, now a teacher; she became the wife of Richard Stacey, of Athens.

ROY CLEMENT DIMOND—As sole owner of the Fondfult Lumber Company, situated in Fultonville and ministering to the lumber requirements of the Fultonville-Fonda district, Roy Clement Dimond handles all kinds of builder's supplies and contributes in a notable way to the business life of his community.

Mr. Dimond was born January 1, 1893, in Palatine, New York, son of John P. and Emma Margaret (Sullivan) Dimond. His father, born in September, 1838, in County Galway, Ireland, died in August, 1925, was a leather worker and a farmer. Coming to the United States in 1859, he settled in Providence, Rhode Island, and subsequently removed to the town of Palatine. He was a Democrat in his political views. The mother, born in May, 1854, in Rensselaerville, New York, died in June, 1932.

Public schools of the town of Palatine, his birthplace, provided Roy Clement Dimond's early education, and he was graduated in 1910 from St. Mary's Institute, at Amsterdam. In 1911 and 1912 he taught in Palatine and this region of New York State. Then he entered the general contracting business, working on road and dam construction throughout the State between 1912 and 1920. From 1920 to 1922 he was associated with the Kolicewood Lumber Company, in Fultonville. In 1922 Mr. Dimond bought this business from its former owners, and proceeded to engage in the lumber and building supply business on his own account, handling mason's materials and operating as the Fondfult Lumber Company, with headquarters at Fultonville. Mr. Dimond makes his home at Fonda. His company employs two people regularly, and contributes substantially to the well-being of the city.

A Democrat in his political views, Roy Clement Dimond is active in many projects for the betterment of his community and district. He is a member of the Mohawk Valley Towns Association and of Amsterdam Lodge, No. 101 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of St. Cecilia's Church, of Fonda.

On November 2, 1923, in Fonda, New York, Roy Clement Dimond married Sara Stevens, born October 14, 1902, in Fonda, daughter of George and Cecelia (Griffin) Stevens. Her father, who was born in Schoharie County, New York, is now deceased. Her mother, born in Ireland, is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dimond became the parents of one son, Francis George Dimond, who was born December 30, 1924, in Fonda, and who is at the time of writing a student at Mayfield High School.

MASON WHEELER HALL—For years active in the business life of Schenectady, Mason Wheeler Hall is a member of the firm of Patton & Hall, retail shoe dealers in this city.

Mr. Hall was born July 19, 1871, in Crescent, Saratoga County, New York, son of Henry E. and Sophia J. (Van Keuren) Hall. His father, born in Crescent in 1844, died in 1907, was a successful carpenter and contractor. The mother was born in 1849 in Crescent. She died January 25, 1940.

Public schools in Crescent furnished Mason Wheeler Hall's early formal education. In boyhood he was clerk in a department store in Amsterdam, where he acquired a general knowledge of merchandising. Later he served a clerkship in a clothing and shoe store, first in Amsterdam, then in Auburn. In 1893 he came to Schenectady, and, with Jesse L. Patton, became a partner in the retail shoe firm of Patton & Hall, referred to above, with headquarters at No. 245 State Street. This store, the oldest shoe establishment of its kind in this part of the State, according to the firm's claim, is still a flourishing business institution, and has been at its present location for forty-eight years.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Hall is vice-president and a director of the Schenectady Savings & Loan Association. He has concerned himself with general business and civic affairs in his city, notably as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member and former director of the Schenectady Rotary Club. Making a hobby of civic affairs, he is particularly interested in working with the Schenectady Young Men's Christian Association, of which for many years he was treasurer and is now a trustee, and during that time he was also chairman of the Boys' Work Committee and succeeded in acquiring 198 acres of land on the shores of beautiful Lake George, situated just north of Pilot Knob for a summer camp site. Later through the efforts of Frank G. Vaughn, the Schenectady Rotary Club secured an undivided half interest of the camping site for the Boy Scouts of Schenectady, and this property is now used by the Young Men's Christian Association, Boy Scouts, and Union College for camping purposes. He is a member of the Session of Union Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to St. George's Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with St. George's Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of Knights Templar, and Oriental Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Troy). In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he is affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge. In spare time Mr. Hall is fond of fishing and the out-of-doors. Mr. Hall, A. S. Golden and Professor W. C. Taylor of Union College were the creators of beautiful

Duane Lake, consisting of 150 acres of water in the center of four hundred acres of land, furnishing summer and year around homes for people in this capital region.

Mason Wheeler Hall married September 6, 1898, Caroline N. Chubb, of Schenectady, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Fanstone) Chubb. One son of this marriage, Howard W. Hall, born March 15, 1903, in Schenectady, graduated from Union College as a Bachelor of Arts, member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, is now engaged in the real estate business. He married, in 1928, Helen R. Meeker, of New York City; they have a son, Howard W. Hall, Jr., born in March, 1931.

JAMES J. McGUINESS—Since he became a member of the Albany bar in 1930, James J. McGuiness has risen rapidly both in his profession and in public life. He is past assistant district attorney of the county and at present is serving as corporation counsel of the city of Albany.

Mr. McGuiness was born in Albany on December 29, 1903, son of James J. and Margaret (O'Mara) McGuiness. His father, a moulder by trade, was born in Albany and is now deceased. His mother, also born in Albany, is still living.

James J. McGuiness received his preparatory education at Christian Brothers Academy in this city, where he was graduated in 1922, and afterward entered Union College, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926. He studied law at Albany Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1930, and in the same year was admitted to the bar. Until 1932 he acted as clerk to Supreme Court Justice Francis Bergan, and at the end of that time was appointed assistant district attorney of Albany County, continuing until July 1, 1940. His successful record in that office and the legal qualifications demonstrated in the performance of his duties led to his designation as corporation counsel of the city of Albany by Mayor Thatcher on July 1, 1940. This post he has since filled.

Mr. McGuiness is vice-president of the Albany County Bar Association. In addition to his professional connections, he is affiliated with Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Lambda Chi Alpha and Tau Kappa Alpha fraternities. Mr. McGuiness is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He likes outdoor life and fishes for recreation.

On July 15, 1933, he married Gladys Powers, of Albany. They have two children: Anne and James, Jr.

WILLIAM H. BRADT—The broad background of experience of William H. Bradt in the business and public life of Schenectady has made it possible for him to serve his city and county in many useful capacities.

Mr. Bradt was born July 25, 1876, in the town of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York, son of Henry and Jane Ann (Thoma) Bradt and a representative in the eighth generation in direct line of descent from Arent Andriese Bratt, one of two brothers, the other being Albert Andriese Bratt, of a Dutch family, who settled early in America. Often they were known by the name "De Noormen." Albert Bratt remained in Albany, and most of the earlier families of the name in Albany County were descended from him. The other brother, Arent Andriese Bratt, came to Schenectady as one of the community's first proprietors in 1662. He married Cataleynte De Vos, whose father, Andries De Vos, was deputy director of Rensselaerwyck. He held land grants, which after his death were transferred to her.

Their son, Samuel, born in 1659, who carried on the line, owned Farm No. 1 of the twenty farms composing the "Great Flats," a property containing fifteen morgens and 467 rods; he married Susanna Van Slyck. Their son, Arent Bratt, fell heir to much of his grandparents' property; he married Catarina Mebie, who died in 1773, in her eighty-third year, daughter of Jan Pieterse Mebie. Their son, Abraham Bratt, baptized December 13, 1727, was a farmer in Rotterdam, Schenectady County, which became the family home during his father's lifetime; he married, February 7, 1761, Sarah, who died September 8, 1783, in her forty-sixth year, daughter of Frederic Van Pelton. Their son, Johannes or John Bratt, born April 1, 1770, in Rotterdam, New York, died there July 14, 1846, was a farmer, a member of the Dutch Reformed Church and a Democrat; he married, January 19, 1793, Willempie (Willamette) Mebie, who died January 4, 1862, in her eighty-eighth year. Their son, Abraham A. Bradt, born June 10, 1796, in Rotterdam, was reared on the home farm and became a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of his community; he married Sarah Van Slyck, born in 1798 in Schenectady, died in 1841.

Their son, Henry Bradt, William H. Bradt's father, was born December 31, 1838, in Rotterdam, New York, died November 30, 1922, and was long a leading citizen of Rotterdam. He attended town schools, and early became engaged in the manufacture of brooms. In 1867 he settled in Schenectady, where, in partnership with James C. Thoma, he conducted a grocery store for four years until the firm was dissolved. Then he returned to the broom business, starting a factory in Schenectady and carrying on the work until his retirement. He was for years a trustee of the Schenectady Savings Bank. Politically a Republican, he was elected treasurer of his party's county committee and was a delegate to numerous conventions. He cast his first vote for President Abraham Lincoln for the second term, in 1864, and early in his career was elected supervisor from the Second Ward of Schenectady. Governor Levi P. Morton's last official act before retiring from office was to appoint Henry Bradt treasurer of Schenectady County to fill a vacancy. Henry Bradt and his wife were both members of the Reformed Church. She was Jane Ann Thoma, born February 3, 1836, in Florida, Montgomery County, New York, daughter of Alva and Maria (Bunn) Thoma, the former born in the province of Baden-Baden, Germany, died in Schenectady in 1897, in his ninety-fourth year, a Republican and a Methodist. He came in young manhood to the United States, and married, in Amsterdam, New York, Maria Bunn, who died July 28, 1910, aged ninety-three years. Mrs. Jane Ann (Thoma) Bradt died August 21, 1911. Henry and Jane Ann (Thoma) Bradt became the parents of the following children: 1. George T. Bradt, born August 4, 1869, studied at Schenectady High School, was graduated from Union University in 1893, and became connected with the General Electric Company; for twenty-five years he served as county clerk in Schenectady County; married Ada Kerste. Children: i. Adaline K. Bradt. ii. Dorothy T. Bradt. 2. William H. Bradt, of further mention. 3. Fred A. Bradt, born in 1882, graduated from high school, became a department foreman at the General Electric Company plant; he married Hazel Miller, and they became the parents of a daughter, Ada M. Bradt.

William H. Bradt attended public schools in Schenectady and was graduated from high school here. He early became engaged with his father in the broom and whiskbroom manufacturing business, in which they were successful. He also showed, however, a particular flair for public service, and in boyhood served as a page in the State Legislature at Albany. Aligning himself with the Republican party, he held a number of public offices thereafter, being chosen as early as 1904 to be private secretary to the superintendent of public works, John N. Parker, and continuing as secretary to Mr. Parker's successor. Mr. Bradt also served as secretary to the Board of City Assessors in Schenectady. For thirteen years, from 1924 to 1936, inclusive, he was deputy county clerk of Schenectady County. Among his other public services, he has acted as chief clerk of the Eastern Division of Canals. Mr. Bradt has also rendered valuable service as a member of Van Vranken Hose Company, No. 2, of the Schenectady Volunteer Fire Department. At one time he was in the coal business as a member of the coal firm of Odell & Bradt. He is a member of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady.

William H. Bradt married, August 21, 1901, Mary Rexford, of Schenectady, who died November 25, 1928, daughter of Oscar D. Rexford, of the Schenectady community, and Rachel (Dings) Rexford. To this marriage one son, Henry, was born September 9, 1910. He was graduated from Union College in 1932, and then became a student at the Law School of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was graduated in 1936 from Albany Law School as a Bachelor of Laws, and in October of that year was admitted to the New York State bar. He is now practicing in Schenectady, associated with the law firm of Hughes and Loucks, and is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, which he joined in his student days. He married, June 10, 1939, Muriel Conklin, of Schenectady.

Mary Gabrielle Bradt, a cousin of William H. Bradt, was the wife of David Warfield, the distinguished actor.

JEROME S. LOVENHEIM—Amsterdam appears to be fortunate in its professional coterie, having attracted to the city many exceptional men who have engaged in the law, medicine, and other professions, individuals of large general interests whose activities benefit many phases of communal life. In illustration one may name Jerome S. Lovenheim, for a decade county attorney for Montgomery County, and an outstanding member of the bar. His hobby is probably as interesting as his work for he is widely known for his connection with the Little Theatre movement and for the presentation of dramatic material over the radio, in which he is a pioneer in this section of New York State.

Mr. Lovenheim is a native of Amsterdam, born October 27, 1897, son of Leopold and Leah (Newburger) Lovenheim, his mother also being a native of Amsterdam, born in 1872, who died January 31, 1923. Leopold Lovenheim came originally from Hungary, where he was born in 1860. Arriving in the United States as a youth, he became the owner and operator of the first department store established in Amsterdam. Later he engaged in manufacturing until his death on March 1, 1930.

Jerome S. Lovenheim was prepared for higher education in the Amsterdam grammar and high schools, being graduated from the latter institution in 1916. He then entered Union College, Schenectady, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, four years later. He taught school at Albion, New York, from 1920 to 1922, and continued as an educator from September, 1922, to 1923, at Geneva, New York. In the meanwhile he was directing his personal studies toward the law, and completed his professional training in the Albany Law School, class of 1926, a Bachelor of Laws. That same year he was admitted to the New York State bar and since November 11, 1926, has practiced in Amsterdam. As indicated, Mr. Lovenheim has been county attorney for Montgomery County since April 1, 1930, and is a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Mr. Lovenheim was a college student at the time of the World War, and became a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. In politics he is a Republican, an influential figure in party councils. Fraternally he is affiliated with Welcome Lodge, No. 829, Free and Accepted Masons; with the Improved Order of Red Men, Lodge No. 149, Neoskaleeta Tribe; Mohawk Valley Town Association; and Temple Israel, Amsterdam, of which he is president. One of the side interests of Mr. Lovenheim has been dramatics. He is a director of plays with the Amsterdam Little Theatre group. He was one of the original members of the WGY Radio Players, of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, which were the pioneers in the presenting of dramas over the air, in 1923.

In 1932, Jerome S. Lovenheim married Ethel P. Persk, of Whitehall, New York, daughter of Julius and Ida (Trop) Persk, and they are the parents of a son, Lee Jules, born September 25, 1938. Mrs. Lovenheim is a graduate of State College for Teachers, New York, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 1926, and was a teacher in English in the Amsterdam High School prior to her marriage.

DeBAUN VAN AKEN—The Van Aken family was established in this country when Jan Coster Van Aken settled in Albany in the early part of the seventeenth century and later generations spread throughout eastern New York. DeBaun Van Aken, of this record, was born in Albany County, January 3, 1863, son of Dr. David F. and Mrs. Abigail (Lansing) Van Aken. His mother was also a native of Albany County, born at Lisha's Kill, in 1832, and who died in February, 1906. His father was born near Altamont, Albany County, in 1833. He was graduated from the Albany Medical College with the class of 1860, a Doctor of Medicine, and practiced his profession at Malden-on-Hudson until his death on January 30, 1902.

After attending the public schools in Ulster County, New York, and the Saugerties Institute, DeBaun Van Aken entered the Albany College of Pharmacy and in 1884 became a graduate in pharmacy. From 1894 to 1900 were busy years in his life for he was secretary of the college, and owned and operated a retail drug store at No. 222 Hamilton Street, Albany. At the turn of the century he sold his establishment and purchased a drug store at No. 3 East Main Street, Amsterdam, which he conducted for eighteen years under his own name.

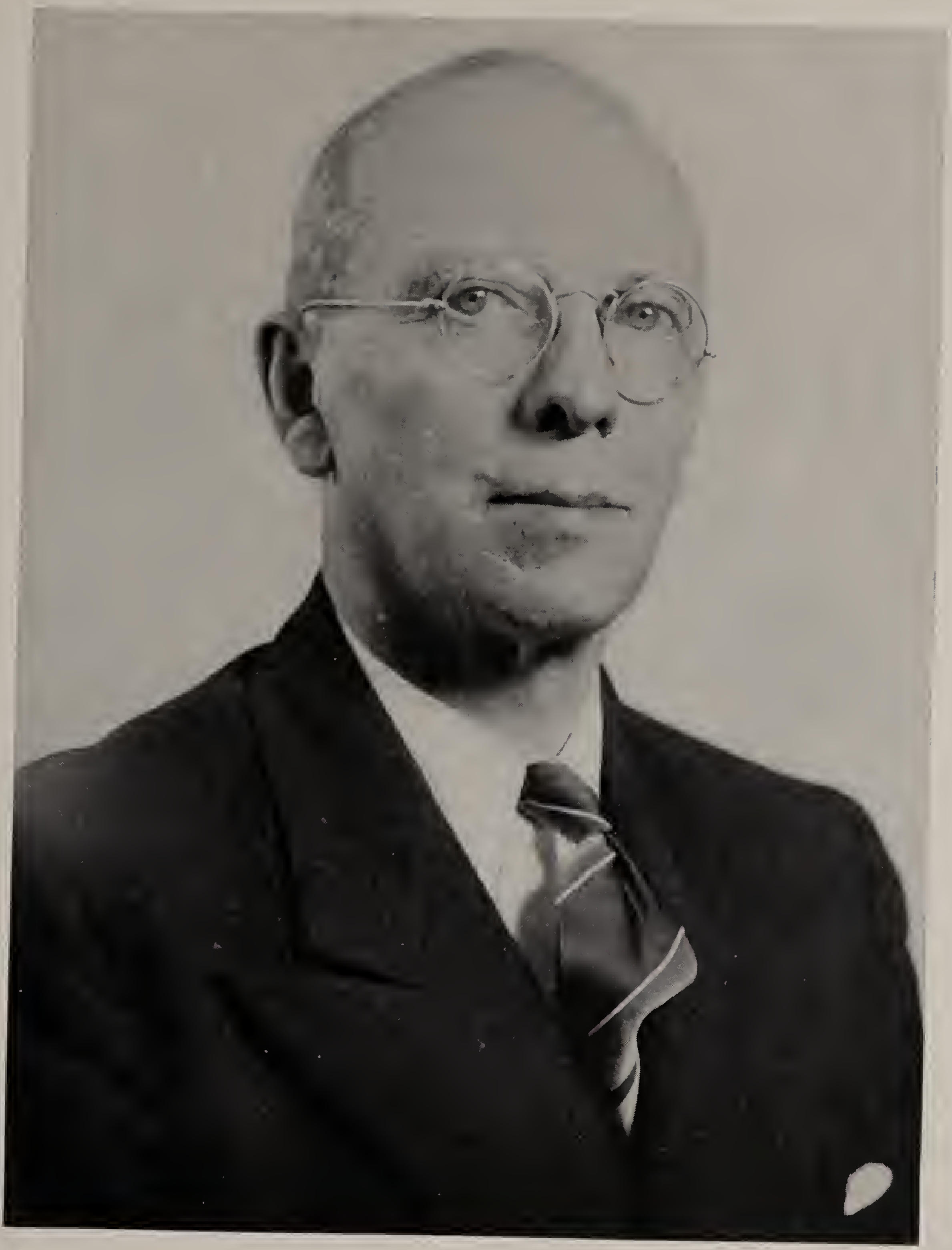
In 1912, Mr. Van Aken was one of the organizers of The Montgomery County Trust Company and served on its board of directors. In 1917 he became especially active as its vice-president. Later he became treasurer, a post which he has since continued to fill ably. In public affairs he has been frequently to the fore, never lacking enthusiastic support of civic affairs. For a third of a century he has been a trustee and treasurer of the Home for Elderly Women of Montgomery County. He also has been an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church for the last thirty-five years. Mr. Van Aken is a Republican in his party allegiance. Fraternally he is affiliated with Welcome Lodge, No. 829, Free and Accepted Masons.

On November 11, 1890, DeBaun Van Aken married Jessie W. Schermerhorn, of East Greenbush, New York, daughter of Walter B. and Caroline (Kinney) Schermerhorn. Mrs. Van Aken died June 18, 1930, leaving two children: 1. Homer L. Van Aken, born September 18, 1895. He was graduated from Penn State College, a Bachelor of Science in Finance. He married Helen Wingard, of Millersburg, Pennsylvania, and they have four children: i. John L., a graduate of Cornell University, 1940, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Agriculture. ii. Helen Elizabeth. iii. Mary Catherine. iv. Janet B. 2. Helen Elizabeth, a graduate of State Teachers College, Albany, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, who taught five years in a missionary school in Kanazana, Japan. She is now teaching English in the Wilbur H. Lynch High School in Amsterdam.

ABNER B. WOODWORTH—After a long career devoted to education in Greene County, Abner B. Woodworth retired and turned to another field of service with his appointment as postmaster at Hensonville. He has filled this office since 1936.

Mr. Woodworth was born at East Jewett, Greene County, on March 10, 1879, son of Buell and Phoebe (Newcomb) Woodworth, farmers in this county. He received a public school education and began teaching at a relatively early age, spending thirty-seven years in all as a teacher in the schools of Windham and Jewett. During this long period many generations of local boys and girls came under his guidance, and the manner in which he performed his responsible duties earned him the respect of all who knew him. When he retired as a teacher in 1936, he was immediately appointed postmaster of Hensonville, while his daughter, Doris M. Woodworth, succeeded him at the school. Since that time Mr. Woodworth has continued to serve as postmaster. His contacts with youth are, however, maintained through his activity in the Boy Scout movement, in which he has been interested for many years.

He is also prominent fraternally as a local leader in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to which he devotes a great deal of time. In this order he has passed through all the chairs in the Hensonville lodge and at the present time is serving as District Grand Deputy. In politics Mr. Woodworth is a Democrat, and in past years



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served for a time as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Hensonville Methodist Church and serves as its treasurer.

On November 23, 1909, Abner B. Woodworth married Hazel Beers, of Greene County, daughter of Julian and Florence Beers. Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth are the parents of two children: Doris M., a graduate of New Paltz Normal School, now a teacher in the Windham High School; married, on June 22, 1940, Herbert Hitchcock, assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Windham, New York; and Buell L., a graduate of Windham High School, now employed by the Grange League Federation Exchange.

JUDGE A. PAGE SMITH—Since he began the practice of law at Johnstown in 1935, A. Page Smith has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He is now serving a four-year term as city judge and recorder.

Judge Smith was born at Gloversville, Fulton County, on June 25, 1904, son of Fay and Charlotte (Knapp) Smith. His father, who was born at Northampton, Fulton County, and died in 1905, was a leather worker by trade. The mother, also born at Northampton, died on July 30, 1930.

Judge Smith received his preliminary education in the public schools of Gloversville, and after graduating from high school in 1921, spent two years at Union College. Subsequently he began the study of law at Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928, and in the following year was admitted to the New York bar. Until 1934, Judge Smith was associated with the Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York in Albany. In 1935 he settled in Johnstown and embarked upon the general practice of law. Having quickly established his position at the local bar, he was appointed city judge and recorder in July, 1937, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Edward Monahan, and in the November elections was chosen to that office for a full four-year term beginning January 1, 1938. He has since devoted himself to his duties on the bench.

Judge Smith is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Fulton County Bar Association. In addition to his professional connections, he is a director of the Johnstown Savings & Loan Association and a member of the Colonial Club of Johnstown and Fort Johnson Aerie, No. 1575, Fraternal Order of Eagles. Judge Smith is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown.

He married, on February 5, 1938, Margaret Koelsch, of Albany, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Miller) Koelsch. Judge and Mrs. Smith have one son, David Christian, born January 14, 1940.

SAMUEL T. VAN BUREN—Since 1938, Samuel T. Van Buren has served as president of Van Buren & Company, Inc., glove manufacturers at Mayfield, an enterprise with which he has been associated for many years. He has devoted his entire active career to the Fulton County industry and in point of service is one of the senior manufacturers in this area.

Mr. Van Buren was born in Mayfield on July 17, 1880, son of Harmon E. and Adeline (Thompson) Van Buren. His father, who was born at Mayfield in 1839 and died in 1934 at the age of ninety-four years, was at one time a glove manufacturer in this community. His mother, born at Broadalbin, Fulton County, in 1845, died in 1933.

Samuel T. Van Buren was educated in the Mayfield public schools. Learning the glove manufacturing trade in his youth, he embarked upon a career in the industry which he has since continued without interruption. For twenty years he was associated with the Mayfield firm of Christie & Wilkins as a shipper. At the end of that time he joined Van Buren & Company, founded and operated by his uncle, Granville Van Buren, and was manager of this firm until 1930, when Granville Van Buren died. The business was then incorporated with Mrs. Granville Van Buren as president of the corporation and Samuel T. Van Buren as vice-president and general manager. In July, 1938, when Mrs. Van Buren died, Samuel T. Van Buren succeeded to the presidency of the company, which he has since continued under the old name. Van Buren & Company are large manufacturers of combination leather and woolen gloves and of jersey gloves, employing approximately seventy-five people. It is a closed corporation, with Mr. Van Buren's wife, Ruth Van Buren, serving as vice-president, and his son, Oliver Van Buren, as secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Van Buren has long been influential in local councils of the Republican party and for the past twenty years has served as Republican committeeman from District No. 4, town of Mayfield. He is past town clerk of Mayfield, an office he filled for four years, and has been active in many civic responsibilities over a period of years. Mr. Van Buren is a member of the Methodist Church. Baseball is his favorite recreation.

On March 1, 1908, he married Ruth G. Martling, of Mayfield, daughter of Seymour and Edith (Goodrich) Martling. Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren became the parents of two children: 1. Oliver M., born October 3, 1909, a graduate of Gloversville High School in the class of 1928, now associated with his father in the operation of Van Buren & Company. On March 23, 1929, he married Marian Lowe, of Gloversville, daughter of Harry B. and Mamie (Hagen) Lowe. They have two daughters: Sally, born October 11, 1930, and Susan, born August 12, 1935. 2. Jay Lewis, born April 1, 1911, died October 29, 1937.

WALTER H. KELLY, SR.—As founder and head of the Walter H. Kelly Lumber Business, Walter H. Kelly, Sr., has built up one of the leading enterprises of its kind in the Amsterdam area. His activities have centered in this city for the past thirty years, during which he has become a well-known figure in Amsterdam life.

Mr. Kelly was born at Sandy Hill, now Hudson Falls, New York, on May 15, 1874, a son of Edward and Susan E. (Carroll) Kelly. His father, a boatman, was also born at Sandy Hill on June 10, 1832, and died on December 10, 1899. His mother was born in Brooklyn on March 17, 1845, and died on September 26, 1905.

Walter H. Kelly, Sr., was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and has followed the lumber business since 1891, when he was seventeen years old. In 1898 he became secretary and treasurer of the Griffin Lumber Company and continued the connection until 1911, when he came to Amsterdam and launched the lumber business in which he is now engaged and it has grown to large proportions under his able management and that of his son, Edward J. Kelly, who is associated with him. The yard and office of the company in Amsterdam are located at 10 Edward Street.

Mr. Kelly has been active in other interests. He was one of the organizers and for sixteen years served as president and director of the Amsterdam Building & Loan Association. He has been a director of the First National Bank of Amsterdam since 1927 and in the realm of public affairs was a member of the Amsterdam School Board from 1918 to 1938 and its president for two years. He has been associated from time to time with the principal civic institutions and enterprises of his community and has contributed substantially to their success. Mr. Kelly is a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Amsterdam.

He married, on June 3, 1907, Mary A. O'Sullivan, of Glens Falls, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Lynch) O'Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are the parents of four children: 1. Edward J., a graduate of Georgetown University in the class of 1929 and of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. On October 22, 1938, Edward J. married Margaret K. Kelly, of Larchmont, New York, daughter of Cornelius F. and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Kelly. They have one daughter, Margaret Mary Kelly. 2. Mary E., a graduate of Marymount Academy and College, now a teacher in Amsterdam Junior High School. 3. Gertrude A., also a graduate of Marymount College and a teacher there now. 4. Walter H., Jr., a student at Syracuse University.

KARL BAUER—Although he was trained abroad as an engineer and devoted his earlier career both to that profession and to art, Karl Bauer is better known in the Catskill region as the proprietor and genial host of the Bavarian Manor at Purling. He has successfully operated this resort hotel since 1930.

Mr. Bauer was born at Munich, Bavaria, Germany, on November 17, 1890. He was educated in the elementary school and gymnasium there and is a graduate both of the art school and the engineering college. For several years he was active as an engineer in Europe and Asia, working on various projects, including, for two years, the building of a railroad in Bagdad. Gradually, however, his interest in art predominated, and his native talents enabled him to turn successfully to that field. In 1925 he came to the United States as an immigrant and soon established himself as a dealer in art and antiques in New York City. Here he developed a large business. Mr. Bauer originated the idea of producing miniature boats and model ships, for example the old Spanish galleon and other old time sailing ships and square riggers, which have had such a vogue. His work became famous and the demand became so large that he built over ten thousand of them, employing forty people in the task. As a true Bavarian, however, his heart was in the mountains, and in 1930 he purchased the old Columbian Hotel at Purling, Greene County, remodeled the property and renamed it The Bavarian Manor. Under his personal management this has become one of the most popular resorts in the Catskills.

The hotel itself has a long tradition behind it. The first record on the hotel books was made in 1865, when Mr. Heinecke, the original owner, began taking in guests, who came to enjoy the medicinal advantages of the sulphur springs on the property. The hotel was originally known as the White Sulphur Springs House and according to the register would accommodate about twenty-five guests. It was built probably more than 100 years ago. Mr. Heinecke operated it until about 1870, when it was taken over by Lennon & Lyon and the name was changed to the Columbian Hotel. At that time it was increased in size to accommodate about eighty guests. Several years later Mr. Lyon took over as sole owner and in the '90s the building was enlarged to its present size, accommodating 150 guests. Mr. Lyon operated the property until about 1915, then sold or leased it to Mr. and Mrs. Burger, who had it until they died. Mr. Lyon then recovered the property, on which he held a mortgage, and sold it to the present proprietor, Mr. Bauer.

Mr. Bauer has discontinued the sulphur springs as a medicinal advertisement and operates the hotel purely as a resort establishment. His aim has been the comfort and enjoyment of his guests, to secure which he has installed every modern facility, including a fine new swimming pool, fed entirely by the springs. In connection with the property he operates a beer garden and dancing pa-

Karl L Bauer

vilion, drawing customers from an area within a radius of seventy-five miles. He attracts a happy carefree group, whose spirit reflects the tone of The Bavarian Manor, and his own genial qualities as a host. Not the least of the resort's attractions is Mr. Bauer's fine collection of his own paintings.

Since becoming a resident of the Catskills, Mr. Bauer has taken an active part in all local affairs and has found his influence welcomed. At the present time he is a director of the Round Top Fire Commission.

On July 26, 1919, he married Anna Hallermayer, of Munich, Germany, and they are the parents of one son, William Karl, born June 10, 1920, a graduate of Cairo High School, now associated with his father in the operation of the Bavarian Manor. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

EDMUND J. DELANEY—As president of the Dixon Glove Company at Mayfield, Edmund J. Delaney continues his active association with the principal industry of this Fulton County community. He has been prominent in its life for many years and has served as mayor of the village since 1937.

Mr. Delaney was born in Mayfield Township, Fulton County, on December 1, 1890, son of John and Emma (Stanyon) Delaney. His father, who was born at Lee, Massachusetts, in 1858, and died in May, 1930, was a farmer. His mother was born at Wells, Hamilton County, New York, and is still living.

Edmund J. Delaney was educated in the public school at Cranberry Creek and farmed with his father until he reached the age of seventeen. At the end of that time he began his apprenticeship in the glove manufacturing business, entering the Mayfield factory of J. E. Kelly & Company, where he learned the trade and remained for thirteen years, becoming head of the marking department. Afterward he occupied a similar post for three years with the Mayfield Glove Company. In 1926, however, he resigned this connection and entered the retail grocery business at Mayfield under the name of E. J. Delaney, an enterprise he continued successfully until 1937. In the latter year he sold the business and purchased a one-half interest in the Dixon Glove Company, Inc., manufacturers of men's semi-dress gloves and ladies' lined gloves, at Mayfield. He assumed the presidency of the company at the time and has since directed its operations as executive head, bringing to the organization his long practical experience in manufacturing gloves and his proven business judgment. The Dixon Glove Company today employs forty workers and finds a ready market for its products. Associated with Mr. Delaney in its management is Harland L. Fonda (*q. v.*), secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

Mr. Delaney has made a hobby of civic activities and community affairs, and his participation therein has brought notable benefits to Mayfield. He has served as trustee of the village, holding office for four years, and since 1937 has been mayor of Mayfield, winning reëlection for a second term, which he is now serving, on the strength of his progressive and efficient administration. Mr. Delaney is also treasurer of the new Mayfield High School, completed in 1939, and has been a member of the board and treasurer of the school district here since 1935. Both as a public official and as a private citizen he has lent his encouragement and active support to useful community causes. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Mayfield Methodist Church, of which he has been treasurer since 1908. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On July 15, 1916, Edmund J. Delaney married Bertha Pettingall, of Mayfield, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Pettingall. They are the parents of two children: 1. Leona E., born March 1, 1917. A graduate of Gloversville Business School, she attended Syracuse University for two years and is now employed by Ernest L. Luff, certified public accountant in Gloversville. 2. Burton E., born January 15, 1931.

HARLAND L. FONDA—A member of one of Fulton County's oldest families, Harland L. Fonda is engaged in business at Mayfield, where he is now secretary and treasurer of the Dixon Glove Company, Inc. He has devoted the greater part of his career to the glove and leather industries, and as a resident of Mayfield has also been active in a wide range of civic interests.

Mr. Fonda was born in Mayfield Township on December 10, 1886, son of Arthur and Lillie S. (Weatherbee) Fonda and a descendant of pioneer settlers of this section. His grandfather, Marcus Fonda, was a farmer here and his father, Arthur Fonda, born in Mayfield Township, March 18, 1863, died on August 9, 1935, was also engaged in agricultural pursuits. His mother, born in Mayfield Township, February 4, 1863, died on November 20, 1920.

Harland L. Fonda received a public school education, supplemented by a course in Gloversville Business School. After its completion he entered the leather business with Nelson E. Dutcher in Gloversville, by whom he was employed as a salesman, in office work, leather assorting and other phases of the business. As a result he learned the business thoroughly, spending ten years with his original employer. At the end of that time he returned to Mayfield and became a partner in the mercantile firm of Warner & Fonda, owners and operators of a general store. In this connection he was active for five years. It was terminated when he sold his interest and invested in the glove manufacturing company of B. H. Dixon & Son. B. H. Dixon, head of the company, then retired. His son, Harry B. Dixon, remained in the company with Mr. Fonda and his brother-in-law, Fred E. Warner, all with a partnership interest. The name of the organization was changed at this time to the Dixon Glove Company, which was continued as a partnership until 1937. Edmund J. Delaney (*q. v.*) then purchased a half interest in the business and assumed the presidency upon the incorporation of the company in 1937. Mr. Fonda has since been secretary and treasurer of the corporation, in which capacities he has an active part in its management. The company employs forty people and produces a line of men's and children's semi-dress gloves and ladies' lined gloves.

Mr. Fonda is influential in the general life of Mayfield. He has served two terms—a period of four years—as mayor of Mayfield, and is now a trustee of the village. These distinctions indicate his position in the life of the community. He is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a director of the Fulton County Automobile Club and a member of the Mayfield Methodist Church, on whose official board he serves. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Fonda is fond of all sports and has made them his hobby.

He married, on April 20, 1911, Harriett M. Savage, of Gloversville, daughter of Henry and Nettie (Washburn) Savage.

BORDEN C. GETMAN—Widely known as one of the younger bankers of this area of New York State, Borden C. Getman, of Northville, is cashier and a director of the Broadalbin Bank.

Mr. Getman was born March 17, 1908, son of Byron L. and Emma Mae (Borden) Getman. His father, born at Stone Arabia, Montgomery County, New York, in 1865, is a glove cutter by trade. The mother was born in 1872 in Oswego, New York.

Public schools in Gloversville, his birthplace, furnished Borden C. Getman's early education. Graduated from high school there in 1927, he later became a student at the American Institute of Banking, of which he is a graduate and a member of the Schenectady chapter. From 1927 to 1934 he was with the Fulton County National Bank & Trust Company. Then, in 1934, he came to Broadalbin to be cashier of the Broadalbin Bank, of which he became a director January 16, 1940.

In addition to his work with the Broadalbin Bank, Mr. Getman is active in many organizations, notably as a member and secretary of the Broadalbin Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican in his political views and a member of the Methodist Church and its official board. In spare time he enjoys several hobbies, including fishing, stamp collecting and woodworking.

Borden C. Getman married, April 13, 1929, Beatrice A. Lisk, of Syracuse, New York, daughter of Murray A. and Elizabeth (Van Wormer) Lisk. Two children were born to this marriage: 1. Charles Murray Getman, born June 1, 1930. 2. Martha Alice Getman, born October 30, 1935.

HARVEY PATERSON GROESBECK, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Schenectady, Dr. Harvey Paterson Groesbeck is esteemed as one of the city's leading professional workers.

Dr. Groesbeck was born July 21, 1880, in Hoosick Falls, New York, son of J. Lansing and Clara B. (Towner) Groesbeck. His father, born at West Milton, Saratoga County, New York, in 1852, owned and operated a bakery in Hoosick Falls until his death in 1934. The mother, born in 1856 in Troy, New York, died in 1927.

Public schools at Hoosick Falls provided Harvey P. Groesbeck's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies there in 1898 he became a student at Troy Academy, where he was graduated in 1900. In 1905 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Cornell Medical College, after which he served an interneship at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, between 1906 and 1908. He came in January, 1908, to Schenectady, where he has since carried on a general practice of medicine. He is a visiting member of the medical staff of Ellis Hospital here, and is president of the board of managers of the Schenectady County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. He belongs to the Schenectady County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Politically Dr. Groesbeck is a Republican. He acts as city school physician in Schenectady, an office that he has held since 1914. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In spare time his favorite hobby is boating.

In 1909 Dr. Harvey Paterson Groesbeck married Edith McLaughlin, of New York City, daughter of Charles I. and Adele (Force) McLaughlin. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Groesbeck, two of whom are living: 1. Edith Groesbeck, born April 8, 1910, became the wife of George E. West, of Oneonta, New York, and the mother of their two children, Ann and Gail West. 2. Charles M. Groesbeck, born April 2, 1912, died October 1, 1933. 3. Harvey P. Groesbeck, Jr., born March 17, 1914, graduated in June, 1939, from Cornell Medical College as a Doctor of Medicine, served a year's interneship at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tennessee, at the University Hospital; now in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, as assistant resident physician.

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WILLIAM R. SMITH—Active in business and public affairs in Northville, William R. Smith is engaged in the real estate business in this village. In 1936 and 1937 he was mayor of Northville, and he has from time to time headed some of the community's outstanding institutions or taken a leading part in their work.

Mr. Smith was born April 7, 1886, in Wells, Hamilton County, New York, son of Frank and Cecelia (Davis) Smith. His father, born at Horican, New York, was engaged in the lumber business until his death in 1888. The mother died in 1892.

Public schools of Northville provided William R. Smith's early formal education, and for some years he was engaged in farming operations. He served as clerk in the drug store of G. N. Brown, of Northville, for approximately four years, and for a similar length of time was with Copeland & Anderson, a drug firm in Northville. For eighteen years he was active in the wholesale and retail ice cream business in Northville, operating an enterprise under the name of the Smith Ice Cream Company. He sold that company on October 19, 1934, and after that time devoted himself primarily to real estate work. He still is a leader in the real estate business in Northville, operating under his own name, and he owns considerable lake front property along the edge of the Sacandaga Reservoir here.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Smith served in 1923 and 1924 as a member of the village board of Northville, and again in 1929 and 1930 was on the board of village trustees. In 1936 and 1937, as already indicated, he was mayor of Northville. In 1940 he was elected president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. He has for some years served as a director of the Northville Land & Lumber Company, and is president of the board of health of Northville. At one time he was chairman of the Boy Scout committee and a member of the Scouts' executive committee. He is a director of the Fulton County Automobile Club. Every kind of useful civic work has found Mr. Smith among the ranks of those ready to take a constructive part, and he is also prominent in fraternal circles as a member of Fishhouse Lodge, No. 298, Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Baptist Church. In addition to all his other undertakings, Mr. Smith in leisure time is fond of healthful outdoor recreations, is chairman of the winter sports committee, and especially enjoys fishing and hunting.

William R. Smith married, April 29, 1905, Lela Frances Ellsworth, of Northville, daughter of Roscoe and Mary (Conklin) Ellsworth. Two children were born to them: 1. Celia Elizabeth. 2. Lewis Roscoe, graduated from Northville High School and in chemical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, of Troy; now a teacher and assistant principal of Fultonville High School; he married Irene Simons, of Syracuse, New York, who is a teacher of French in Northville High School and a graduate of Syracuse University. Born to them on August 22, 1940, was a son, Douglas Virgil.

DIONISIUS C. GUTBRODT—Conducting a large dairy farm in Brunswick and marketing his product in Troy, Dionisius C. Gutbrodt has particularly distinguished himself by his participation in his community's civic and social life.

Mr. Gutbrodt was born February 26, 1896, in Wynantskill, Rensselaer County, New York, son of Conrad and Johanna (Defove) Gutbrodt. His father, who came from Germany, was engaged in general farming operations for many years. The mother is of Dutch ancestry.

Public schools in Rensselaer County provided Dionisius C. Gutbrodt's early formal education. Upon leaving school, he assisted his father in the management of the home farm in Wynantskill until 1924. At that time he purchased a two hundred-acre farm in Brunswick, where he specializes in dairying operations. His farm averages four hundred gallons of milk a day, which comes from his fine herd of Holstein and Guernsey cows. Mr. Gutbrodt also raises more than one thousand bushels of grain per year and seventy tons of hay. He has developed a completely modern pasteurizing plant, equipped with "Creamery Package" machinery which he installed in 1934. His volume of production has increased steadily since his purchase of the farm, and at the time of writing he employs three men and has two modern delivery trucks. He markets his milk in Troy.

In his political views Mr. Gutbrodt is a staunch Republican, serving as a trustee of the school board of Brunswick and since January 1, 1940, as a member of the board of supervisors, being reëlected for a second term in 1941. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist Church.

On April 26, 1922, in Troy, New York, Dionisius C. Gutbrodt married Helen Mae Keyes, daughter of Andrew and Dora (Johnson) Keyes, of northern Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Gutbrodt became the parents of the following children: 1. Lillian Mae Gutbrodt, born January 26, 1923, attended Troy High School and was married on October 12, 1941, to Charles Edward Bulson, a machinist, of Cropseyville, New York. 2. Mildred Elizabeth Gutbrodt, born April 10, 1925, also a student in Troy High School. 3. Donald Andrew Gutbrodt, born April 7, 1928, a student in Troy High School.

JAMES CARPENTER—For many years an honored resident of Northville, James Carpenter has held a number of public offices and has also had a fine background of business experience. After valuable service as a supervisor of Fulton County, he announced his candidacy for the office of county commissioner of welfare and was elected November, 1940.

Mr. Carpenter was born June 21, 1887, in Johnstown, New York, son of George P. and Mary (Crane) Carpenter. His father, born in Galway, Saratoga County, was for years an engineer until his passing. The mother is also deceased.

Public schools of Johnstown, his birthplace, furnished James Carpenter's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies he turned his attention to business activities. From 1910 to 1912 he was contract agent for the Glen Telephone Company, of Johnstown. He came to Northville with John A. Willard, with whom he entered the lumber business, in 1912. At the time of writing he is a director and secretary of the John A. Willard Realty & Lumber Company, Inc.

Successful in his business activities, Mr. Carpenter has for some years concerned himself also with politics and public life. In 1925 he was appointed postmaster of Northville by the late President Calvin Coolidge, and he served for nine years in that office. In 1933 he was elected supervisor from the town of Northampton, and on the Fulton County Board of Supervisors he holds, at the time of writing, a number of important committee assignments. Mr. Carpenter is, among his other activities, a member of the welfare committee of the county board. This committee has supervision of the work of the commissioner of welfare. He is also chairman of the finance committee, the legislative committee and the compensation insurance committee, as well as a member of the highway committee. His candidacy for the office of county commissioner of welfare is, therefore, but a further step, in the welfare field, from Mr. Carpenter's past service along these lines through his committee work.

Aside from his work in business and politics, Mr. Carpenter is president of the Fulton County Humane Society, a member of the executive committee of the Boy Scouts of America in this county, an executive committeeman of the Fulton County Farm Bureau, and vice-president of the Fulton County executive committee of the National Youth Administration. He is also chairman of the Northville branch of the American Red Cross and a director of the Northville Bank. He is a trustee of the Methodist Church. His fraternal affiliations are extensive, including the Improved Order of Red Men and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is a member of Fishhouse Lodge, No. 298; a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fulton-Herkimer-Montgomery County District, a member of Sacandaga Chapter, No. 119, of Royal Arch Masons, and also an active worker in Johnstown Council of Royal and Select Masters. In spare time Mr. Carpenter is fond of the out-of-doors and particularly enjoying hunting, fishing and swimming.

In 1912 James Carpenter married Eugenia Willard, of Northville, New York, daughter of John A. and Elizabeth (Fuller) Willard. She died June 25, 1925. They were the parents of two children: 1. James W. Carpenter, born July 9, 1919, a student at Syracuse University at the time of writing. 2. Jean Elizabeth Carpenter, born April 2, 1921, a student at Plattsburg State College. James Carpenter married (second), July 22, 1929, Lulu Bass, of Northville, daughter of the late William H. and Dora (Smith) Bass. Her father was a lawyer.

CLAYTON P. SNOOK—As postmaster of the city of Gloversville, Clayton P. Snook has performed a service of value to the community and its people. He has a broad background of business experience, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Snook was born September 22, 1895, in Johnstown, New York, son of John D. and Martha (Schonfeldt) Snook. His father, born in Johnstown, for years active in the affairs of the city, has now retired. The mother, born in Germany, came as a young girl to the United States, and here died May 1, 1938.

Public schools in Johnstown provided Clayton P. Snook's early formal education, and he received his high school training at Gloversville and also attended a business school here. His first work was as stock clerk in a glove factory here, where he remained for five years. He then became associated with his father in the retail furniture business in Gloversville, continuing for eighteen years with the firm, which was known as the Economy Furniture Company. In July, 1937, Mr. Snook was appointed, by Governor Herbert H. Lehman, to fill a vacancy in the office of county clerk of Fulton County, and for six months he served in this capacity. Then, on March 1, 1940, he was appointed acting postmaster of the city of Gloversville, and on September 28, 1940, was commissioned postmaster, so serving down to the time of writing. From 1938 to March, 1940, Mr. Snook served as chairman of the Democratic County Committee.

Gloversville has benefited in many ways from Mr. Snook's constructive rôle in its affairs. He is a member of many local organizations, including Post No. 137, known as Harold Wilmot Post, of the American Legion, and Fulton County Post, No. 2077, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Giving his services to his country during the World War, Mr. Snook served in England from August to November, 1918, as a member of the 167th Air Squadron, United States Army. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On January 31, 1917, Clayton P. Snook married Nettie White, of Johnstown, New York, daughter of James and Amy (Austin) White. They became the parents of two sons, Clayton and Carl J. Snook.

DONALD C. SCRIBNER—With his election as county treasurer of Fulton County in 1938, Donald C. Scribner entered public life after a varied career in business and finance, much of it spent in this county, but part of it in the West. He is well known in the county's life.

Mr. Scribner was born at Northville, Fulton County, on February 24, 1900, son of Eugene D. and Molly A. (Groff) Scribner. His father, born at Delafield, Wisconsin, was a lawyer in Gloversville until his death on May 5, 1935. He was for some years city attorney of Gloversville and active in Democratic politics throughout the State. He was chairman of the Fulton County Democratic Committee and earned the distinction of seconding the nomination of William H. Sulzer for Governor of New York in the early years of the century. Molly A. (Groff) Scribner, the mother, was born at Hope, Hamilton County, New York, and died February 23, 1941.

Donald C. Scribner was educated in the public schools of Gloversville, where he completed the high school course. Following the entry of the United States into the World War he enlisted in the United States Navy and spent a year and a half in the service, receiving his honorable discharge on July 22, 1919, as a torpedo gunner's mate. Afterward he was a structural iron worker for a year and an electrician for a year, then entered the service of the Fulton County National Bank & Trust Company at Gloversville as teller and continued as such for sixteen years. Resigning to become a salesman with the Colson Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, he remained in this connection for a year and spent a similar period as a salesman for the Lehon Company, roofing manufacturers of Chicago, Illinois. At the end of this time he returned to Fulton County and, in 1938, won the Republican nomination for county treasurer. Successful in the election, he took office on January 1, 1939, for a three-year term, which he is now serving.

Mr. Scribner brings to his duties the qualifications of long business and banking experience and a thorough familiarity with county affairs. He has been active in many county organizations of a political nature and social orders, including Gloversville Lodge, No. 429, Free and Accepted Masons; Gloversville Lodge, No. 226, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Concordia Club of Gloversville; Kolaneka Grange at Johnstown; and Harold Wilmot Post, No. 137, American Legion, at Gloversville, of which he is Past Commander. Mr. Scribner is also Past County Commander of the American Legion and is one of its best known representatives. Although his present duties center at Johnstown, he continues his membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Gloversville. He is fond of all sports, particularly hunting and fishing, which are his hobbies.

On June 3, 1922, Donald C. Scribner married Mabel Hotaling, of Gloversville, daughter of Elmer P. and Jennie (Truax) Hotaling. They are the parents of two children: Audrey Lois, born in December, 1923; and Marilyn Jean, born in December, 1928.

FRANK V. SUTLAND, D. D. S.—Among the younger practitioners in Troy of the delicate art of dentistry, Frank V. Sutland, D. D. S., has in the past thirteen years established that reputation for skill and safety that all dentists aim to achieve.

He was born March 14, 1902, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where so many dentists are trained for the practice of their profession. He is a son of Samuel Sutland and Anna Deutch Sutland. His father was in the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army. Both parents are deceased. He was graduated in 1920 from the high school of South Philadelphia and he won his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1924 at the University of Pennsylvania. A strong constitution is not as indispensable as of yore in a dentist, but it is still a valuable auxiliary to mental equipment, and in his college career Dr. Sutland excelled in athletics, captained teams and captured four athletic titles.

Immediately succeeding his graduation in 1924 he practiced in his native city, but in 1931 came to Troy and soon became an integral factor of the community, allying himself with fraternal and civic bodies. In 1932 he opened branch offices in Schenectady and Albany. With characteristic energy he still maintains those with regular and sustained attention. He is a member of Apollo Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, both of Troy, and stands for civic betterment as represented by membership in the Chamber of Commerce. His old proclivity for outdoor sports still gives him special interest in football and in golf.

On December 18, 1930, Dr. Frank V. Sutland married Josephine S. Koslosky, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Koslosky. To Dr. and Mrs. Sutland one child was born, Sheila Marie Sutland, on August 19, 1933.

STANLEY H. VANDENBURGH—Born with a bent for mechanics, Stanley H. Vandenburgh utilized his special talent in a very practical way, advancing from the manual exercise of it into the sphere of business, where he now occupies a desirable place.

He was born in picturesque Poestenkill, Rensselaer County, April 19, 1892. By way of the schools he had only a few years' education, but he made this a basis for acquiring a superstructure of knowledge that stands him in good stead. When he was only seventeen years old he opened a small shop for the repair of automobiles and after ten years of mechanical and business experience he moved to Watervliet in December of 1919 and established a general repair shop. By the same habits of industry, concentration and accommodation that marked him in Poestenkill he prospered in Watervliet. After a time he secured the Ford agency, then the Chrysler, finally, in 1939, the Plymouth agency, and his establishment is now one of the best known in its area for its display of cars and for congenial and efficient service.

Stanley H. Vandenburgh is a son of George B. and May J. Vandenburgh. Both parents are deceased. The father was an industrious farmer and cattle dealer.

Stanley H. Vandenburgh married Myrtle Agnes Marshall at Glens Falls, New York, on September 15, 1914, and they have three children: Gilbert W., Helen, and Irene A. Vandenburgh.

While his business is primary and has first attention always, Mr. Vandenburgh, like many whose early life was in the country, knows the woods and streams and, when time allows, is fond of shooting, hunting and fishing. He is a member of the Taconic Rod and Gun Club and the Henry Hudson Rod and Gun Club. In town his affiliation is principally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with memberships also in the Commercial Travelers, the Troy Rotary and the Tri-City Yacht Club.

WALTER WALTERS POOLE—Although his connection with the life of Grafton dates only from 1930, when he first came to Rensselaer County, Walter Walters Poole is widely known in this community, which he has served as postmaster during the greater part of the past decade.

He was born at High Bridge, New Jersey, on August 15, 1884, a son of Jacob Edgar and Anna Eliza (Walters) Poole. His father was an engineer on the New Jersey Central Railroad for forty years. Mr. Poole was educated in the public schools of High Bridge and began his active career in 1903, when he entered the employ of the New Jersey Central Railroad at the age of nineteen. Commencing as a fireman, he was soon made an engineer and continued in that capacity until 1907, when he enlisted in the United States Navy as a machinist. The following twenty-one years of his life were spent in navy service. When he resigned in 1928, he became an engineer in a textile plant at Philadelphia, a post he occupied until 1930. In the latter year he accepted an appointment as acting postmaster at Grafton, where his interests have since centered. In 1931 he was appointed postmaster of Grafton and has continued in this office during the intervening years, serving an indefinite term.

Mr. Poole has efficiently met his duties in the postal service since he took over the appointment at Grafton. He has also been active in the general life of the community. He is affiliated fraternally with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and the American Legion, of which he is Past Commander. He is a member of the Grafton Parent-Teachers Association. In religious faith he is a Methodist. He is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, his lineage on both sides dating back to 1649, when his ancestors came to the United States. Mr. Poole is a fourth cousin of Ruth Bryan Owen.

On March 8, 1919, at New York City, Mr. Poole married Carolyn Catheryn Richter, daughter of Franz and Carolyn Richter and a registered nurse at Albany Hospital. They became the parents of three children: 1. Walter Frederick Poole, Jr., born December 3, 1919, died on March 8, 1922. 2. Carolyn Anna Poole, born November 20, 1922, a student nurse at Brooklyn Hospital in New York City. 3. Robert Walters Poole, born January 5, 1924, now serving in the United States Navy.

JOSEPH J. PARKER—Joseph J. Parker was born in Watervliet, New York, March 19, 1901, son of William F. and Elizabeth (Foley) Parker, both also natives of this city. His father, who died on March 9, 1934, was for many years a funeral director. He was exceptionally prominent in civic affairs, "the power behind the throne" in Watervliet politics. After completing his education in St. Patrick's parochial school, Joseph J. Parker became associated with his father, both in business and to a degree in public service.

The undertaking establishment of the Parkers was founded in 1881, by William F. Parker, Sr., and Charles Parker. It is now carried on by the sons, Charles A. and William F. Parker, Jr. It is probably the oldest firm of its kind in Watervliet to have continued in one family, and is most widely known.

Joseph J. Parker learned the vocation as a growing boy and for some years has been a member of the Hudson-Mohawk Funeral Directors' Association. Along other lines of activity Mr. Parker has, for the past twelve years, been president of the Civil Service Board, City of Watervliet. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Van Rensselaer Assembly, fourth degree; the Watervliet Lodge of the Benevolent and

Walter W. Poole.

Protective Order of Elks, and the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church.

At Troy, New York, on March 17, 1934, Joseph J. Parker married Mary F. Glass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glass, Jr.

CHARLES M. RODRIGUEZ—Mr. Rodriguez came to America from Spain twenty-three years ago, and now owns a productive farm and a chain of seven stores, all established in less than a score of years. He was born in Santander, a picturesque city on the Bay of Biscay, on February 9, 1891, son of Silverio and Mary (Diaz) Rodriguez; he has a hereditary talent for cattle breeding, which was his father's chief occupation.

His education was acquired in the schools of Spain and while he did not progress to higher education he has made efficient use of that which he acquired. He came to the United States in 1914, being then twenty-six years of age. For several years he worked as a farmhand and also in a slate quarry at Poultney, Vermont, but in 1919, having a capital of $105, he opened a small meat market on Stow Avenue in Troy. In 1920 he went to Castleton, New York, and established a meat market, but having made it successful he sold the place and returned to Troy. He had his bearings by this time and soon began to try out a plan he had long been formulating.

In the fall of 1921 he organized the Boston Meat & Grocery Company and located its first store at Madison and Second streets. In 1923 he started a second store at North Troy and Second avenues; in 1925 a third at Fourth and North Troy avenues. In 1927 he opened a place in the city of Cohoes and, in 1931, another link in Troy at No. 540 Pawling Avenue, which had been the property of Sacred Heart Church. In 1934 he secured the site of his present store at De Lee and Ryan thoroughfares, a location which had been untransferred for half a century. In all these locations he showed accurate judgment of real estate values as determined by availability for trade and in every case has been successful.

Meanwhile, in 1929, Mr. Rodriguez purchased a farm of 250 acres at Cropseyville in Rensselaer County, on which he maintains a herd of about 150 cattle, Ayrshire stock, noted for rich milk. The farm is electrified and equipped and kept in the most sanitary and modern manner. Its title is Vista Grande and it is one of the most attractive estates of its kind in all New York. Incidentally, Vista Grand King, prize bull at the New York World's Fair, came from the Rodriguez farm. Another blue ribboner, Rover Marion, mother of Vista Grand King, is a product of this farm. Ten hands are employed there and the employees in the stores number sixty-three. The Boston Meat & Grocery Company is a title only, though a good one. Mr. Rodriguez is sole owner. He is treasurer of the Meat Dealers and Groceries Association of the Capital Region, and a member and a director of the National Ayrshire Breeders Association.

In Troy, in August, 1921, Charles M. Rodriguez married Margaret Hargraves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hargraves. Mrs. Rodriguez is a mother of two children by a former marriage: Frances Ransom and Emily Bott Hargraves; and there are two granddaughters and two grandsons.

C. RAY CORNELL—To be born and raised on a farm and, as driver on a milk wagon for ten years, to have intimate contact with the consumer, this was C. Ray Cornell's valuable experience before engaging in the dairy business on his own account.

The Cornell family is one of the older families in the State and country. Cornell University was named in honor of a scion of one branch of Cornells. John Cornell, great-grandfather of C. Ray, was born on July 18, 1794, in Connecticut, but moved to Schoharie County, New York, about 1820; he died there, being more than eighty-four years, on September 2, 1878. The great-grandmother, Margaret (Wood) Cornell, was born September 1, 1796, and died August 23, 1870, being almost seventy-four years. Simon Cornell, grandfather of C. Ray, was born in 1824. The parents of C. Ray Cornell were the late Jesse M. Cornell and Etta Florence (Clark) Cornell, both of Schoharie County, where the father taught school in his early days, later followed agriculture and was justice of the peace in Gilbon, a township of Schoharie.

C. Ray was born September 29, 1882, and was educated in the district schools and at Stamford Seminary in Delaware County. He left the farm when he was nineteen years old; and from 1903 to 1913 he worked on a milk wagon and helped disturb the early quiet of certain streets of Albany. This was before rubber tires and other noiseless equipment were introduced.

In 1913 Mr. Cornell established, in connection with Jerry B. Badgley, what they called the Boulevard Dairy Company, Inc., of Albany, which they continued up to 1930. But in 1925 they had established the Collar City Creamery in Troy with Mr. Badgley as president, Mr. Cornell secretary and treasurer, and had made them such a factor in the city's trade that the Borden Company purchased both operations, retaining Mr. Cornell as Troy manager and Mr. Badgley in a similar capacity at Albany.

Having his part of the dairy industry well in hand, Mr. Cornell finds time for some fraternal and civic activities. He is Past Master, since 1928, of Temple

Lodge, No. 14, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Capital City Chapter, No. 242, Royal Arch Masons; of Dewitt Clinton Council, No. 22, Royal and Select Masters; Temple Commandery, No. 2, Albany, Knights Templar; Sovereign Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree; and of Cypress Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Albany. He was appointed a District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in 1935. He is a Rotarian, too, of Troy, and a member of Troy's virile Chamber of Commerce and of the Normanside Country Club of Elsmere, New York.

In Albany, in 1905, C. Ray Cornell married Minnie Greene, daughter of Mial and Sarah (Reynolds) Greene, of Hermon, St. Lawrence County, New York. Mrs. Cornell is an active member of Albany Chapter, No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star. She served as its Worthy Matron in 1927 and was appointed Grand Color Bearer of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York in 1939. Mrs. Cornell is also Past Worthy Matron of Capital City Court, No. 15, Order of Amaranth; a member of Temple Shrine, No. 5, White Shrine; Cyrene Temple, No. 18, Daughters of the Nile; and Marvia Court, No. 27, Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell have two children: 1. Perry R. Cornell, educated in the public and high schools of Albany, is now associated with Mr. Badgley in the Borden Company operation at Albany. He married Ann Gioscia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gioscia, of Albany; they have two children, Ruth Ann Cornell and C. Ray Cornell, 2d. 2. Ruth M., who married Elon John Notley, of Syracuse, New York.

ELMER E. STAHLMAN—As supervising principal of the Averill Park Central School, Elmer E. Stahlman is administrative head of one of Rensselaer County's modern school districts. He has devoted his entire career to education and has served in his present position since 1929.

Mr. Stahlman was born at East Greenbush, New York, on September 5, 1902, son of Louis C. and Florence M. (Auger) Stahlman. His father is a farmer. He received his early education in District School No. 4 in the town of Kinderhook, attended Valatie High School, from which he was graduated in 1920, and afterward entered the New York State College for Teachers, where he completed the course in 1925. In 1941 he took his Master's degree at this institution. Meanwhile, with his appointment as principal of the Schodack Landing Public School, Mr. Stahlman began his professional career. He remained at Schodack Landing through the year 1928 and, in 1929, came to his present office as supervising principal of the Averill Park Central School. Since that time he has devoted himself to his administrative duties as head of this school.

Mr. Stahlman is affiliated with the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and is a member of the Kinderhook Dutch Reformed Church.

He married, on August 12, 1935, at Peru, New York, Florence Downs, daughter of Michael and Catherine Downs. Mr. and Mrs. Stahlman are the parents of two sons: John Willard, born July 13, 1936; and James Downs, born on January 9, 1940.

FRED E. GARDNER—In becoming an educator, Fred E. Gardner followed the example and tradition of his family. His father, who later entered business, was a teacher, and his mother made a notable record in the field of education in which she spent a quarter of a century, during which she was, for eighteen years, a superintendent of schools in Rensselaer County.

Mr. Gardner was born at Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, September 5, 1901, son of Fred Gorton and Adelaide (Wood) Gardner. His father, who died in 1932, was for many years a buyer for a firm in Troy. He had been both farmer and teacher in earlier years. Mrs. Gardner is living, retired from active instruction, at the age of sixty-nine years. An interesting feature of the career of Fred E. Gardner is that he has alternated teaching with periods of study, not the worst of methods since practice has gone with theory, and he evidently has made the most of each. He was about eighteen when he had his first school, from 1919 to 1922 having charge of the Stephentown district school. Then, from 1928 to 1932, he taught in the West Sand Lake School, both in Rensselaer County. Since 1937 he has been supervising principal of the Wynantskill, New York, school.

Before he began teaching as a youth he had attended the local schools in the Stephentown district and had been graduated from the Berlin High School with the class of 1918. During the interruptions of his professional activities, from 1922 to 1937, he was a student in the Teachers Training School at Berlin, the New York State Teachers College at Albany, and Columbia University, New York City. He is still (1941) doing post-graduate work at Columbia for a degree. Mr. Gardner is a member of the New York State Teachers Association, the Rensselaer County Teachers Association, and of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany. Fraternally he is affiliated with Unity Lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons, of New Lebanon, New York.

In August, 1928, Fred E. Gardner married, at Albany, New York, Katherine Foster, a graduate nurse of Albany Hospital, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, of Cambridge, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are the

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parents of three children: Freda Ann, born in 1929; Dorothy Mae, born in 1931; and James Gorton, born in 1933. All three children were born in Albany.

BENJAMIN A. SINGLETON—Since 1917, Benjamin A. Singleton has been an Internal Revenue Agent with headquarters at Troy. He is a native of New York State and throughout his life has lived in the Capital Region, all of his business and professional career being identified with Troy, even though his present duties take him to other centers.

Mr. Singleton was born at Waterford, Rensselaer County, New York, November 13, 1892, son of Benjamin and Margaret (Gaynor) Singleton. His father, a native of Ireland, who was brought to Waterford as a small boy, grew up to become a substantial citizen of this place. Although a machinist by trade, in after years he operated a café and tavern in Waterford. There were nine children in the family of whom only four are now living—two sisters, Mrs. Grace Davis, of Scotia, New York; Mrs. Mary Beninati, a resident of Albany; and two brothers, Michael A. Singleton, of St. Louis, Missouri, and the subject of this record. The latter went from grammar school to the Waterford High School, from which he was graduated in 1910. Matriculating at New York University, in New York City, he majored in business administration and from 1910 to 1912 was associated with the Troy firm of W. & L. E. Gurley.

Mr. Singleton then became an Internal Revenue Agent, in which capacity he has since served the government.

Benjamin A. Singleton is a director of the Pioneer Building Loan & Savings Association, of Troy, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being Exalted Ruler of the latter, 1940-41. He is a communicant of St. Peter's Church, Catholic.

On June 10, 1918, in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Troy, Benjamin A. Singleton married Elizabeth C. Byrne, daughter of John W. and Elizabeth (Walsh) Byrne. Mr. and Mrs. Singleton are the parents of two sons: 1. Benjamin J., born July 30, 1921, an undergraduate of Holy Cross College, class of 1943. 2. John B., born May 16, 1930.

FRANK T. SNIDER—As a political leader and public official, Frank T. Snider figured prominently for years in the life of the Capital Region, particularly in his home community of Westerlo. As sheriff of Albany County he had served only a few months at the time of his death, but he had already accomplished much that was of importance in this office. Throughout his career he contributed notably to Democratic success, turning his own town Democratic considerably before Albany County and the State as a whole turned likewise. He had many friends in all departments of life, and he was respected, honored and trusted everywhere he was known.

Mr. Snider was born July 22, 1868, in Westerlo, New York, son of Daniel and Agnes (Robertson) Snider. One sister, Mrs. Jennie (Snider) Carl, of East Schodack, was among his survivors.

From an early period in his life he became deeply interested in promoting his community's welfare. When he completed his formal schooling, he turned his attention to public affairs, and for years he served as town superintendent. Later he was supervisor of the town, the first Democrat to win that honor in what had long been a Republican community and district. When not active in politics, he devoted his time to his 275-acre dairy farm in Westerlo, but there was scarcely a time when Mr. Snider was not taking some prominent rôle in public affairs. Even a year or two before Albany went Democratic under the O'Connell régime. Mr. Snider brought Westerlo into the party's ranks. From that time forward Westerlo was regularly in the Democratic column, and by 1938 it was the only strictly rural community in New York State to give Governor Lehman a majority.

Some years ago Mr. Snider became superintendent of the Albany Public Market, and in 1939 the organization rewarded him with the nomination for sheriff. He was elected to succeed John McNulty, who afterward was made State superintendent of public buildings. Though he served only a few months before death removed him from the earthly scene, Mr. Snider accomplished much valuable work as sheriff. He was an active member of the New York State Sheriffs' Association, whose general counsel, Louis R. Yaguda, of Albany, he was to have accompanied to Syracuse for the opening of New York State's first training school for sheriffs—another activity whose consummation death prevented. Mr. Snider was also president of the Altamont Fair Association, as well as a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Albany Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Frank T. Snider married Eldora Winston, daughter of Reuben A. and Elizabeth (Lockwood) Winston. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary October 24, 1938. They had two sons: 1. Everett B. Snider, who married Marguerite Stott and occupies the family residence with his mother. 2. R. Winston Snider, of Glens Falls, who married Alda May Shear and they have a son, William W. Snider.

The death of Frank T. Snider at the age of seventy-one years, in 1940, was an occasion of deep sorrow and regret. His many friends were well aware of his unusual contribution to the life of his community and his times, and he was honored, trusted and loved by all who knew him. The influence and the spirit of such a man must continue as a potent force for good.

JOHN B. CONROY—Troy in more recent years has become known as a much better than average American city in its record of less petty crime and a comparatively small amount of juvenile delinquency. Credit for this is divided between the State and municipal government, organizations and educational institutions, but much goes as well to John B. Conroy, chief of police. He also has contributed importantly to the betterment of the traffic and parking system of the city and, in 1940, he was made acting public safety commissioner. He has since continued in both posts. On January 16, 1941, he celebrated a full quarter of a century with the police force of Troy.

Chief Conroy was born the day before Christmas, 1880, in the Sixth Ward, South End, Troy, a locality in which he has always lived. After completing his education he was employed in various capacities until January 16, 1916, when he was appointed a patrolman and began his rise from the ranks. His first assignment was to the old Second Precinct then on State Street west of Third. In 1920 he was assigned to traffic duty at Congress and Third streets, and about a year later was transferred to a similar post at Franklin Square.

> And Troy motorists well remember the efficient officer who performed almost miraculous service over a period of eight years in untangling traffic snarls and protecting the life and limb of pedestrians at this busy intersection. His efficiency and devotion to duty were recognized by his superior and Chief Conroy rose rapidly.

On January 1, 1928, he was named as captain of the First Precinct, a post he held during the course of that year. On December 31, 1928, he was named as captain of the traffic bureau, a post in which he did much work to improve traffic conditions in the city through his long experience along these lines. When former Police Chief Joseph H. Brophy was named as warden at Auburn Prison, Chief Conroy was named as acting chief of the department on June 8, 1931. He continued in this capacity until July 1 of the same year, when he became permanent head of the bureau. On October 23, 1940, he took over the duties of acting commissioner of public safety in place of Major Walter D. McKenna, when the latter went to Fort McClellan, Alabama, with the Medical Department of the 105th Infantry.

"In his new rôle," says a newspaper, "as head of the Public Safety Bureau, Chief Conroy will be in command of the personnel of both the police and fire departments, numbering three hundred and twelve men. Of this number one hundred and sixty-three are connected with the fire department and the remaining one hundred and forty-nine are with the police bureau." Chief Conroy is a member of the Troy Police Protective and Benevolent Association, and the New York State Police Chiefs' Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Troy Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a communicant of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

John B. Conroy is married and has three children: Mrs. Fred Weber, Miss Florence Conroy, and Timothy Conroy, all of Troy, New York.

CAPTAIN JOHN M. KEELEY—The elevation of John M. Keeley to the captaincy of Troop G, New York State Police, was no accident but the just reward of hard work over a period of six years, during which he rose steadily in the State Troopers through practically every rank from trooper to the command. That promotion took place seventeen years ago, and recently Mayor Hogan, of Troy, commented:

> His unfailing efforts and untiring energy have brought him renown not only in the Capital District but also in the Horse Show World. As commander of Troop "G" he is well known in Rensselaer and the ten neighboring counties in which he has charge of law enforcement. He is one of Troy's outstanding citizens, the kind of citizen we need in Troy.

Captain Keeley was born June 1, 1888, on his father's farm, at Avon, Livingston County, New York, son of John M. and Frances (Herron) Keeley. When he was six years of age the family removed to Geneseo, where he was educated in the grammar, high and State Normal schools. Athletically inclined, he was successively captain of the baseball, football and basketball teams, and popular in other campus activities. Upon leaving school he engaged in agriculture, managing three farms in Livingston and Allegany counties.

In 1914 he enlisted in Troop "M," 1st New York Cavalry, 6th Division, later to become the 27th Division. He served part of his enlistment period on the Mexican Border and was discharged on March 21, 1917, reënlisting the same day. His knowledge of horses earned him the detail during the early World War period of remount purchasing agent for the United States government, while still a member of the 1st Cavalry. He was a first lieutenant in the military police branch of the Officers' Reserve Corps for ten years and is a member of the Wadsworth Post, American Legion, at Geneseo.

In tracing the career of Captain Keeley we follow almost verbatim a biographical sketch published in the "Troy Observer-Budget" of June 2, 1940.

He was appointed to the State police on July 15, 1917, by Colonel George F. Chandler and almost immediately was detailed as supervisor of training of police horses for the original New York State Constabulary at Camp Newmayo at Manlius. He was assigned to Troop "A," now located at Batavia, and his first detail with the squadron was at the New York State Fair at Syracuse, New York. His natural executive ability, combined with a profound knowledge of rural problems and people, and his deep interest in police work brought him rapid promotion. He was promoted to corporal in 1918 and on August 1, 1919, to sergeant. April 1, 1920, to first sergeant, and on June 1, 1921, he received his commission as a lieutenant, being transferred to Troop "D" at Oneida until December 16, 1923, when he was elevated to his present post and sent to Troop "G," Troy. During these early years in the State police he was assigned as quartermaster sergeant, stable sergeant, mess sergeant, duty sergeant and first sergeant. As a consequence he gained a complete and first hand knowledge of administration, field duty and all the activities connected with the maintenance of a police department operating over a large rural area. His early patrol work took him over most of the State on horseback, patroling from twenty to forty miles a day, from village to village and stopping overnight wherever he happened to be.

Captain Keeley recalls these early days when every man had a horse, the only car being assigned to the commanding officer. "The advent of quick methods of transportation erased village, county and town lines and facilitated the movement of criminals from one city and State to another, either committing crimes on the way or fleeing from the police after having committed their crimes. Changes in the department have kept pace with these modern methods and it has progressed in all branches to its present highly developed police efficiency along the lines of communication, including radio, teletype, identification, traffic and scientific investigation, many bureaus being added which were unheard of twenty years ago in rural police departments, as the necessity arose."

Being a progressive police officer he has instituted many changes in the administration of his command, under the direction of Major John A. Warner. He established first aid stations throughout the troop territory in conjunction with Mrs. Reed of the local Red Cross. The traffic bureau and the use of white patrol cars as an accident prevention aid were first innovated at Troop "G," and he was one of the first to build up and cause the use of the fingerprint bureau in his troop. Taking part in all major police activities and policies from 1919 to the present day he has been commended by the Governor, the Legislature and his superiors for his administration of police activities and major details in the Capital District for the past seventeen years. During his time as commanding office of Troop "G" he formed the rough riding team; the pistol and rifle teams, which were for years the best in the department; and the horse show team. It is his belief that these activities are not only beneficial to the members of the troop but go far to promote good relations with the general public.

Captain Keeley was actively interested in rounding up the famed Polka Dot Gang of nationally known criminals when they were operating from the Averill Park area and worked successfully on this case with the government investigations. The "Fats" McCarthy case, the Jack "Legs" Diamond investigations, and the Dutch Schultz case are some of the others that are well known.

Outside of his official duties he has been active as a leader in many civic affairs, having been director of the New York State Fair Horse Show for 1926, 1935, 1937 and 1938. He was chairman of coöperation in this area of the committee for the celebration of the President's ball on his birthday for the victims of infantile paralysis in 1940. One of his outstanding interests in the community is the Troy Horse Show. The first man he met when he came to Troy was the late Mayor Cornelius F. Burns. The friendship ripened with time and the mutual interests of both men. Mayor Burns was interested in horses and it was natural that both of these men should be drawn together in supporting the Troy Horse Show. When this show was emerging from obscurity and was formed as a corporation, Captain Keeley was chosen as president and has continued in that capacity ever since. Due solely to his untiring efforts he has made Troy the epitome of hospitality and good sportsmanship in the horse show game. He is a member of the advisory board of the "Rider and Driver," one of the oldest horse show magazines in America and his associates on this board include such outstanding men as Major-General John K. Kerr, chief of Cavalry; John Sloan, New York State Racing Commissioner; Major-General Robert Melville Danford, chief of field artillery, and many others.

Although a strict disciplinarian, the captain is popular with his men and has a complete understanding of their problems, due no doubt to the fact that he, himself, is a family man, being the father of six children, one girl and five boys, one of whom is following in his father's footsteps as a member of the State police assigned to Troop "D" at Oneida. As one of his officers said to him while parading through Troy one day on their horses, with the people waving a greeting and calling the captain by name, "Captain, everyone seems to know you, everyone."

Captain Keeley married, September 4, 1912, Mary A. McClintock, daughter of Herbert A. McClintock, of Livonia, New York. Their children are: 1. William Charles, now a member of State police, stationed at Oneida. 2. Francis John, now a guard in the Department of Correction, stationed at Wallkill, New York. 3. Herbert McClintock, employed by the Texaco Oil Company, New York City. 4. Richard Lucian, attending Siena College. 5. Mary Jacquelyn, attending Russell Sage College. 6. Lawrence Watson, attending School 18, Troy, New York.

JOHN B. EARL—Active in the drug trade in Cairo, John B. Earl not only operates a completely modern pharmacy, but is a leader also in a variety of business and community activities and is manager of the local Western Union office.

Mr. Earl was born June 29, 1896, in Hudson, New York, and attended public schools in Cairo, later going to the Albany College of Pharmacy, where he took the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1920. From college he returned to Cairo as a registered pharmacist, associating himself in 1920 with the Austin Drug Store, conducted by Richard A. Austin. In 1926, when Mr. Austin retired, Mr. Earl bought the business and proceeded to operate it independently. He still conducts it, handling a wide variety of drugs and sundries. He also is a member of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists.

Wholly aside from his work in the drug trade, Mr. Earl takes part in local affairs in Cairo and is active in Boy Scout work and a member of the local committee in charge of Scout affairs, and leads in Chamber of Commerce work. He is a Republican in politics. He takes an important part in the Cairo Firemen's Association, the Cairo Fish and Game Club and the work of several fraternal orders. Mr. Earl is a Mason and belongs to Kedemah Lodge, No. 693, of which he is a Past Master, and is also affiliated with the Catskill Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 285; Lafayette Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 7, Hudson, New York; and Cyprus Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Albany, New York. He is also a Past District Deputy Grand Master and Past Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Greene-Ulster Masonic District. In Beta Delta Chapter of Kappa Psi fraternity, which he joined in his student days, and Yondebocker Lodge, No. 289, Knights of Pythias, he is also active, and is a past president of the alumni association of the Albany College of Pharmacy. He is a member of the official board of the local Methodist Church.

John B. Earl married, April 22, 1935, Irene Clark, of Ashland, New York, daughter of Howard E. and Inez (Truesdell) Clark.

HARRY W. JORDON—Like many men who have risen to prominence in some one line of endeavor, Harry W. Jordon, of Kinderhook, New York, was active in several fields before he became a funeral director. He was connected with banking and had learned to be an interior decorator, when a temporary physical breakdown interrupted his career. All this is a matter of more than a quarter of a century ago, and an almost forgotten interim in his life.

Mr. Jordon was born at Warrensburg, New York, November 10, 1889, son of Winfield Scott and Ella Jane (Ruggles) Jordon, both natives of New York State. His father died in 1934; his mother lived to 1939. After completing his education in local schools and the Glens Falls Academy, he became associated with the National Commercial Bank of Albany. Not liking his prospects in banking, he went with the West Albany Shops, where he became an interior decorator. When well on his way in this profession, too close attention to his work brought on failing health, and the following two years were spent in the North Country, recuperating. Fully recovered, he went to Chatham, New York, where he joined E. Gifford & Son, funeral directors. This association was continued for about twenty years before he came to Kinderhook to set up his own establishment in 1934. He had not only learned his business well but had many ideas which he wanted to introduce in his own practice. Mr. Jordon has one of the most complete and modern funeral chapels, full motorized equipment and trained assistants.

The personal interests of Mr. Jordon touch life on many sides. He had early military experience in the United States Army Infantry, and at one time attended the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, but was honorably discharged from the service in 1911. During the World War period he was very much to the fore in many of the patriotic activities of that time. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Blue Lodge and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which Order he has held all the chairs and is past District Deputy Grand Master; and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has been keen and helpful in the organizing and support of the Boy Scouts. If he has a hobby, it is the improvement of his very charming estate, which he has developed into one of the show places of Columbia County.

On October 12, 1912, H. W. Jordon married Edna Grace Clow, of Rensselaer, daughter of William J. and Harriett Louise (Sullivan) Clow, and they are the parents of one daughter: Grace G., who married Russell Hunter. The Hunters have a son, James R. Hunter, and a daughter, Judy Grace Hunter.

CLERMONTE G. TENNANT—Since the early years of the century, Clermonte G. Tennant has been engaged in the practice of law at Cooperstown. He is a widely known member of the Otsego County bar, whose professional connections and interests in public life have been numerous and important.

Mr. Tennant was born at Richfield Springs, Otsego County, on September 19, 1880, son of Albert C. and Lizzie Harter (Getman) Tennant. His father, who was

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born at Willet, Cortland County, New York, in 1846, was also a lawyer. Following his admission to the New York bar, he practiced in Richfield Springs and later was elected surrogate of Otsego County, in which office he served for eleven years. In his subsequent practice he had offices in Albany and Cooperstown and during this period was for ten years a member of the faculty of Albany Law School. He died in November, 1905. Lizzie Harter (Getman) Tennant, the mother, was born at South Columbia, Herkimer County and died in 1928.

Clermonte G. Tennant received his early education in the public schools of Cooperstown and at Albany Academy, from which he was graduated in 1899. In 1904 he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy at Hamilton College and after a year of study at Albany Law School, entered the Cooperstown law office of his father, where he read law until his admission to the bar in 1906. Since that time he has been engaged in practice at Cooperstown. Mr. Tennant's professional reputation was established early in his career. In private practice he has appeared successfully in many important cases. In 1911-12 he was Deputy Attorney-General of the State of New York and since 1923 has been attorney for the New York State Tax Commission in inheritance tax matters in Otsego County. He has also served, during the past twenty years, as attorney for the Village of Cooperstown.

Mr. Tennant's position at the Otsego County bar was reflected in his election as president of the County Bar Association some years ago. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and has long been influential in Democratic politics, serving for fourteen years as Otsego County representative on the Democratic State Committee. He has been active in many civic interests at Cooperstown and over a period of years was secretary and treasurer of the Thanksgiving Hospital Corporation. Mr. Tennant is affiliated with the Chi Psi fraternity; Oneonta Lodge, No. 1312, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Cooperstown Lodge, No. 138, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Royal Arch Chapter in the same order. He is also a member of the Cooperstown Rotary Club. Fishing and stamp collecting are his hobbies.

On September 5, 1908, Clermonte G. Tennant married Florence E. Bundy, of Cooperstown, daughter of the late Edwin S. Bundy and Adelia (Dennison) Bundy. Mr. and Mrs. Tennant are the parents of one son, Robert C. Tennant, born December 9, 1909, who was graduated from Cooperstown High School, took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hamilton College and the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School and since his admission to the bar in 1937 has been engaged in practice with his father at Cooperstown as a member of the firm of Tennant and Tennant. In September, 1939, he married Jane Nevil of Cooperstown. He is at present a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ROBERT L. ELLITHORP. M. D.—Since the early years of the century, Dr. Robert L. Ellithorp has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Gloversville. During this time he has been active in various institutional connections, in addition to the responsibilities of his private practice, and has placed to his credit a long record of public service as coroner, city health officer and in other capacities.

Dr. Ellithorp was born in Saratoga County, New York, on May 19, 1875, son of James M. and Jane (Sumner) Ellithorp, both of whom were also born in Saratoga County. His father was a merchant and farmer and for some years served as justice of the peace.

Robert L. Ellithorp received his general education in the public schools of Johnstown and Troy and prepared for his profession at Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897. At the outset of his career he practiced for five years in Johnstown and was also health officer of the city during the same period. In 1903 he removed to Gloversville, where his activities have since centered. Dr. Ellithorp has devoted himself without interruption to the duties of his extended practice, but has always found time for other community service. For twenty years he was president of the Gloversville Board of Health and since 1938 has been health officer of the city. He is also coroner of Fulton County, an office to which he was first elected in 1928 and in which he is now serving his fifth consecutive term.

Dr. Ellithorp is a member of the staff of Littauer Hospital and a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Fulton County Medical Society, of which he is past president. During the World War he was commissioned captain in the United States Army Medical Corps and was assigned to duty as commanding officer of Field Hospital Unit 100, spending a year in active service. When the 1940 national defense program got under way, he was placed in charge of medical mobilization at Gloversville and continues to act in this capacity. In addition to his professional connections, Dr. Ellithorp is affiliated fraternally with Gloversville Lodge, No. 429, Free and Accepted Masons, and with various higher Masonic bodies, including Johnstown Chapter, No. 79, Royal Arch Masons; Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar, at Gloversville; and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with Gloversville Lodge, No. 226, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Eccentric Club of Gloversville. Dr. Ellithorp is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. He is fond of sports and finds his principal recreation in hunting, fishing and golf.

In 1938 he married Geraldine Hornett, of Gloversville, daughter of Alfred and Anna Hornett.

RALPH M. COOPER—For more than thirty years, Ralph M. Cooper has been active at the bar in the Capital Region, with offices now located in Albany. He is well known in both Albany and Rensselaer counties and, in addition to his professional connections, has to his credit a long record in Republican politics and varied public service.

Mr. Cooper was born at Athens, New York, on October 27, 1884, a son of Ira N. and Lillie (Mace) Cooper. His father, who was also born in Athens on October 2, 1859, and died in May, 1940, was a steamboat captain on the Hudson River. His mother, born in the town of Broome, Schoharie County, on September 28, 1863, is still living.

Ralph M. Cooper was educated in the public schools of Athens and at Catskill High School, from which he was graduated in 1903. In 1906 he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School and in September, 1906, was admitted to the bar at Saratoga. From 1907 to 1925, he was engaged in practice continuously at Nassau, Rensselaer County, and during this period served as police justice of the village for seven years, from 1914 to 1921, and as transfer tax appraiser of Rensselaer County from 1921 to 1923. In 1925 he opened offices in Albany, where his professional activities now center. Mr. Cooper serves as attorney for the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Massachusetts, and has represented substantial interests in many branches of the law. He carries on a general practice, and his long and successful record at the bar has firmly established his professional reputation.

At the outset of his career, Mr. Cooper became active in Republican politics and from 1921 to 1931 served as Republican leader of the town of Nassau. He remains an influential figure in his party. He is also prominent fraternally and at the present time is District Deputy Grand Master of Rensselaer District, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which order he is affiliated with Tsatsawassa Lodge, No. 356. In addition, he is affiliated with Bethlehem Lodge, No. 1096, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; the higher York Rite bodies, including Kinderhook Chapter, No. 378, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest, and Lafayette Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, at Hudson; and Cyrus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Albany. During the World War, Mr. Cooper served on the Draft Board in Rensselaer County under the Selective Service Act. He has given his support to many valuable civic causes during the course of his career and is an active Methodist layman, serving as treasurer and trustee of Grace Methodist Church in Nassau. Golf and bowling are his favorite recreations.

On June 15, 1910, Ralph M. Cooper married Grace E. Roye, of Nassau, daughter of Joseph L. and Jennie (Palmer) Roye. They are the parents of three children: 1. Ralph M., Jr., born May 9, 1913, a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy. He married Laura Lomax, daughter of the late Dr. Lomax, Albany physician. 2. Earle N., born June 10, 1915, who was graduated from Union College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. 3. Jeanne R., who married Robert H. Hubbard.

FREDERICK LEWIS RITCHIE—A native and lifelong resident of Philmont, New York, Frederick Lewis Ritchie has never found it necessary to leave his native town to seek opportunity for full scope for his abilities. He is prominent in public life as former deputy sheriff of Columbia County, and is the present postmaster of Philmont; at all times he has been outstanding in the promotion of the best interests of this municipality.

Mr. Ritchie was born in Philmont, June 27, 1896, son of William Henry and Elizabeth (Seaman) Ritchie, his father being long connected with the textile industry. After attending the grade and high schools of his birthplace, Frederick Lewis Ritchie became associated with the Highrock Knitting Mills as a shipping clerk, and continued on in various capacities until 1933 when he was made deputy sheriff of Columbia County. Two years later he became acting postmaster of Philmont, and since 1936 has been postmaster of the town under appointment of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

During the World War, Mr. Ritchie served with the 31st Division, 117th Field Artillery. A member of the American Legion Post, No. 252, he was its commander in 1938. He is vice-president of the Philmont baseball team, and exceptionally active in the development of outdoor athletics. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church as a member of the Sacred Heart Church, of Philmont.

On September 16, 1916, Frederick Lewis Ritchie married Cecelia B. Berndette, daughter of John J. and Delia (Carter) Berndette, and they are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, born November 21, 1921. She received her education in the public schools of Philmont.

EDWIN JONES THOMAS—The New Saulpaugh Hotel, popular resort hotel of Catskill and year round center of Greene County's social life, is owned and operated by Edwin Jones Thomas, who took over the management of this community institution twenty years ago and has been its owner since 1926. He is one of Catskill's best known and most active citizens.

Mr. Thomas was born in Brooklyn, New York, on February 4, 1888, son of Richard Pew and Marie (Rowelette) Thomas. He is a member of a distinguished family, established in this country by his ancestors who came from Wales during the period of the American Revolu-

Edwin J. Thomas.

tion. His grandfather, Charles Thomas, was a naval officer who rose to the rank of rear admiral through notable service in the naval forces of the United States. Mr. Thomas is also a grandnephew of Philip F. Thomas, former Governor of Maryland, and a cousin of Arthur Pue Gorman, late United States Senator from Maryland. His father, Richard Pew Thomas, was born in Baltimore, early learned the printer's trade in the plant of the Baltimore "Sun," and after serving as foreman of the pressroom of the New York "Journal," entered the service of the International Paper Company. This connection he continued for sixteen years. In the latter years of his career, he was eastern representative of the Goss Printing Company of Chicago. Mr. Thomas was a prominent Catholic layman who served as first Grand Knight of Long Island Council of the Knights of Columbus, an office which he filled for four consecutive terms. He was also president of the holding company of the Long Island Council and a member of the Veteran Society of the Knights of Columbus. He died at his home in Brooklyn on July 23, 1926.

Edwin Jones Thomas received his preliminary education in the public schools of Brooklyn and subsequently was a student at St. John's College, also of Brooklyn, now called St. John's University. After leaving school he spent about five years in the employ of a paper manufacturing company, learning that business, but leaving it to represent a souvenir greeting card company. For a number of years he was manager of the Washington, District of Columbia, office of the American News Company, selling card novelties throughout the southern territory. His business career was interrupted by the entry of the United States into the World War. Mr. Thomas enlisted in June, 1917, as a member of Company E, 9th Infantry, 2d Division, Regular Army. He was commissioned second lieutenant on June 1, 1918, went to France with the American Expeditionary Forces, participated in the major engagements of the American armies and spent nine months after the Armistice with the Army of Occupation in Germany. His Victory Medal shows the following battle clasps, indicating the campaigns in which he participated: Aisne, Aisne-Marne, Meuse-Argonne, and Defensive Sector. Mr. Thomas' war record was distinguished. He was cited for gallantry by General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American armies, in the following terms:

> Second Lieutenant Edwin J. Thomas, Company E, Ninth Infantry, for distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Tuilerie Ferme, 4-5 November, 1918, in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces. In testimony thereof and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I accord him this citation.

This citation was awarded him under date of March 27, 1919. In November, 1918, Mr. Thomas also received the Croix de Guerre, awarded him for gallantry by the French Government. He was honorably discharged from the service in September, 1919, and thereafter was regularly commissioned as first lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps until he reached the retirement age. Since September 19, 1940, he has been a member of the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

Late in 1919, Mr. Thomas resumed his career in civil life and on January 1, 1920, took up new duties in Chicago as western representative of Charles Clarke Company, greeting card manufacturers. This connection he continued until December, 1921, when he came to Catskill and leased the Saulpaugh Hotel, long in his wife's family. At the time the establishment boasted forty rooms. Mr. Thomas operated the hotel under lease until March, 1926, when he purchased the property and immediately began the construction of an addition, completed in June, 1926. The New Saulpaugh Hotel has been entirely modernized and continuously improved under Mr. Thomas' management and is today one of the finest and most efficiently operated in the State of New York. Its present accommodations consist of one hundred rooms, most of them with bath, together with a large banquet hall and ballroom, spacious lobby and other facilities. It accommodates a regular clientele as well as casual Catskill visitors and serves as headquarters for all social functions in Greene County. Mr. Thomas continues as owner of the hotel, with Richard Thomas Clark as manager.

In addition to this interest, Mr. Thomas is a director of the Catskill National Bank & Trust Company, the Catskill Savings & Loan Association and the Coöperative Fire Insurance Company of Catskill. He has been conspicuous in all civic affairs, a leader in virtually all community institutions and an influential figure in public life. From 1935 to 1937, inclusive, Mr. Thomas was a village trustee and president of the village of Catskill. He is past president and director of the Catskill Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Catskill Rotary Club, past president and director of the Catskill Country Club, past commodore of the Catskill Yacht Club, and a member of the Rip Van Winkle Club. Mr. Thomas is also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Roman Catholic in religious faith, and his wife is a member of the Episcopal Church.

On July 15, 1920, at Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Thomas married Elizabeth Saulpaugh, daughter of Albert Saulpaugh, who operated the Saulpaugh Hotel in Catskill until his death, and Frances (Link) Saulpaugh.

FREDERICK ASHWORTH WASHBURN—His career in the cement industry has led Fred A. Washburn, of Hudson, into his present business as a manufacturer of cement burial vaults. He is a pioneer in this kind of work in Columbia County, and his products are distributed throughout a wide territory in this and neighboring counties.

Mr. Washburn was born December 10, 1877, at Adrian, Michigan, son of Norman B. and Elizabeth (Ashworth) Washburn, of that State. His father, who died in 1931, was for years a successful cement contractor, and in 1887 and 1888 was a member of the Michigan State Legislature. The mother was born in 1853. The Washburns went to Michigan in 1832.

Public schools of Adrian, his Michigan birthplace, provided the early education of Fred A. Washburn, who began his business career there in association with his father in the cement contracting business. In 1910 he went to Baker, Oregon, where he remained until, in 1912, he came to Hudson, New York. Here he set up a general cement contracting business under his own name, making pavement blocks for city sidewalks and doing cement work for building purposes. In 1912 he became engaged in his present work of manufacturing cement burial vaults in Hudson. Starting operations on a comparatively small scale, he has built up a large and growing business, and is shipping his products throughout Columbia, Greene and Dutchess counties.

Recognized as a pioneer in burial vault manufacture in Columbia County, he is the sole owner of his business. Along with his work in this direction, Mr. Washburn has interested himself extensively in public affairs in his community and State. A member of the Republican party, he was elected a member of the State Legislature, in which he began serving in 1932, and he has been his county's representative in that body at Albany continuously down to the time of writing. He has interested himself also in the life of Hudson, where he is a past vice-president and treasurer of the Rotary Club, a member and former director of the Chamber of Commerce and a leader in Boy Scout work. He was president of the Hudson Council of Boy Scouts in 1930, and attended the national convention in Washington, District of Columbia, in that year. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Washburn is a Past Master of Lodge No. 700, a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and the Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Knights Templar Commandery, and is an initiate in Cypress Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

In 1905 Fred A. Washburn married Florence A. Connor, of Michigan. They became the parents of a son, Robert S. Washburn, born April 26, 1917, who attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a year and a half and Purdue University for a similar period, and who married Nell Hancock.

JOHN R. McLAREN—There were few better known or more admired citizens of Columbia County than John R. McLaren. Although a native of New England, he had been a resident of Hudson for over thirty years, a textile manufacturer and a citizen identified with the best interests of the city throughout his career.

Mr. McLaren was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, July 14, 1873, son of Robert A. and Sarah Ann (Bickley) McLaren. While still a boy, his family removed to West Sand Lake, where his father started, in partnership with his brother, John, a textile business known as the McLaren Mills Company of Sand Lake. In this concern, John R. McLaren was initiated into the textile industry. When the McLaren Mills were merged with the Thermo Mills, of Hudson, years ago, the McLarens settled in this city.

John R. McLaren was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and was graduated from the Albany Business College. Returning to Hudson he became associated with the Thermo Mills, of which he was treasurer at the time of his death. He was known as one of the most expert wool buyers on the Boston markets. He also had a practical knowledge of every phase of textile manufacture. A man who made and held thousands of friends by his jovial manner and his constant efforts to help others, Mr. McLaren gave freely of his time in many lines of civic betterment.

An influential figure in Republican party campaigns and counsels, Mr. McLaren was closely associated with the late Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard in Rensselaer, before coming to Columbia County. Here for many years he served on the Senatorial Committee of the Republican County Committee. He was looked upon as one of the leaders in the Republican party in this section. He served as a member of the Commission of Public Safety and as a member of the Common Council, following his election from the Third Ward.

Mr. McLaren was vice-president of the board of trustees of the Hudson City Savings Institution. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Hudson City Hospital and of the Home for the Aged of Hudson.. He was vice-chairman of the Columbia County Chapter, American Red Cross. He was a charter member and former president of the Hudson Rotary Club and a former member of the board of directors of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce. For the furtherance of the Boy Scout movement in the county he served as a member of the Scout Council of the county for several years. He was president of the board of trustees of the First Parish Church, Presbyterian.

In 1907, John R. McLaren married Flora E. Nash, of West Sand Lake, New York, daughter of Clarence and Martha Jane (Ball) Nash, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McLaren became the parents of three children: John N., a graduate of Amherst College and Albany Law School; Martha E.; and Donald B.

Upon the death of Mr. McLaren on November 12, 1939, the editor of the Hudson newspaper wrote: "In almost every movement for the betterment of the city and county, he could be found working shoulder to shoulder with the others. During his term as Public Safety Commissioner, he earned the respect and esteem of every member of the Hudson Police Department. He was also equally admired by members of the Hudson Fire Department for his splendid administration of its affairs. He was an honorary member of Edmonds Hose Company, No. 1.

"Few men have played the part John R. McLaren has in the life of the community over a period of many years. Plain-spoken and fearless, he found no task too difficult to undertake. Yet, above it all, this busy man found life's greatest enjoyment in his own home and among those he loved so dearly.

"John McLaren has gone, but his memory will ever remain to remind others of a life lived to its fullest for the greatest amount of good to mankind."

RAY EUGENE PERSONS, M. D.—Conducting a general practice of medicine in Cairo, Dr. Ray Eugene Persons is one of the leading professional men of this part of New York State.

Dr. Persons was born November 14, 1890, in Jewett, New York, son of Addison and Carrie (Van Valkenburg) Persons. His father, who is now deceased, was a farmer and teacher. The mother was born in Lexington.

District schools provided Dr. Ray E. Persons' early formal education, and after graduation from high school at Windham he became a student at Albany Medical College, taking his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1916. He then served an interneship at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, and in 1917 began his own independent general practice, settling in East Durham for the purpose. Soon afterward, however, he entered the United States Army at the Yale Army Laboratory School with the commission of first lieutenant. In 1919 he returned to East Durham, where he practiced for a few months. At the conclusion of that time he removed to Cairo. Here he has since remained, carrying on the general practice of medicine.

He is active in the broader connections of his profession, being a member of the Greene County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Greene County Tuberculosis Society. He has had valuable postgraduate study in health work at Albany Medical College, and is recognized as a leading authority on health problems. Among his other activities, he is a member of the staff of the Greene County Memorial Hospital, is physician at the Greene County Home and has served as health officer of Cairo since 1925. Dr. Persons has rendered noted service as president of the Cairo Board of Education, is a director of the First National Bank of Cairo, belongs to the American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce, and is chairman of the official board of the Methodist Church. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Kedemah Lodge, No. 693, Catskill Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters.

Dr. Ray Eugene Persons married (first) Lulu Patterson. They became the parents of two children: 1. Ray Eugene Persons, Jr., graduated from local schools and as a Bachelor of Arts from Syracuse University, and with a degree of Master of Science from St. Lawrence University. He is now a medical student at Syracuse University. 2. Helen Olive Persons, graduated from local high school, a student at St. Lawrence University.

Dr. Persons married (second), October 24, 1935, Grace Doctermann, of Mineola, Long Island, New York.

EDWIN L. MOORE—For many years Edwin L. Moore has been actively identified with the life of Prattsville. Pursuing a variety of business interests in this Greene County community, he has also been active in the sphere of public service and for the past eleven years has filled the office of supervisor.

Mr. Moore was born at Lexington, Greene County, on April 23, 1885, son of Clark L. Moore, a farmer at Lexington, and Rowena (Miller) Clark, of Halcott. Both parents are now deceased.

Edwin L. Moore received a public school education, worked on a farm for a time as a boy and then became associated with the Prattsville Dairy Company, for which he was manager during a ten-year period. At the end of this time he resigned to enter the feed business, forming the partnership of Moore & Rosecrans, which became well known locally. An extensive business was developed, in which Mr. Moore was active until 1928, when it was sold to E. B. Lutz. He then retired, but in 1929 was elected supervisor of the town of Prattsville and took up new duties on the County Board of Supervisors, to which he has been returned successively at every election. At the present time Mr. Moore is also engaged in the real estate business. He has a prior record of public service as town clerk and justice of the peace and has won recognition for the fidelity with which he performs his responsible public duties in the light of his intimate knowledge of local needs and conditions and his long business experience.

Mr. Moore is a Democrat in politics and in addition to his other connections is a director of the Stamford National Bank. He is a member of the Prattsville Rod and Gun Club and has been active in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Oasis Lodge, No. 119, Free and Accepted Masons; Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Rondout Commandery, Knights Templar; and Cyrus Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Albany. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

On November 4, 1908, Edwin L. Moore married Blanche Turk, of Jewett, daughter of John and Marilla Turk. They are the parents of two children: Marjorie, a graduate of local schools and Oneonta Normal School, now a teacher at Castleton; and Edwin L., Jr., who attended Gilboa High School and is now engaged in the trucking business.

GEORGE W. BABCOCK—Following the varied activities of his early career, George W. Babcock settled in Ravena, where he has been engaged for almost forty years in the furniture and undertaking business. He has long been prominent in his own community and in point of service is one of the senior funeral directors of Albany County.

Mr. Babcock was born at Rensselaerville, Albany County, on October 14, 1870, son of Elias Hakes and Adelaide J. (Peasley) Babcock, and grandson of Joseph and Phoebe (Burdick) Babcock. On his mother's side, he is a grandson of Orson and Melissa (Baker) Peasley. His father, who was born at Westerlo on December 6, 1840, and died in August, 1917, was a farmer. His mother was a native of Berne.

George W. Babcock was educated in the public schools of Rensselaerville, and as a boy worked on his father's farm, which consisted of 160 acres. After reaching his majority, he farmed for himself in the town of Berne from 1892 to 1894, and then drove a team for the shipyard at New Baltimore until 1902. During the following year he worked for a contractor and builder. At the end of that time he came to Ravena and formed a partnership with Fred D. Baldwin in the undertaking and cooperage business. In 1906 he established his own furniture and undertaking business at Ravena and has since continued in these lines. Mr. Babcock today has the largest funeral home in the southeast section of Albany County. His equipment is modern in every respect, and no effort has been spared to maintain the highest standards in his service to his community. Assisting him in the business are his son, John M. Babcock, his grandson, George M. Babcock, and his wife, Lina M. Babcock.

During his long residence at Ravena, Mr. Babcock has been active in many civic interests and has always contributed his share, and more, to the community life. He has held public office on several occasions, having been postmaster for more than twelve years, and is now a member of the Ravena school board, as well as fire chief of the town. He is a member of the Ravena Board of Trade; several professional organizations, including the Albany-Rensselaer Undertakers' Association, of which he is a director, and the National Funeral Directors' Association; and is active fraternally as a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is affiliated with all higher bodies of the York Rite, including the Royal Arch Chapter and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Babcock is a Republican in politics and a member and deacon of the Ravena Christian Church. His hobby is work.

On January 20, 1892, at Berne, he married Lina M. Moak, who was born there on February 19, 1873, daughter of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Campbell) Moak. Mr. and Mrs. Babcock have one son, John M. Babcock, born at New Baltimore on June 19, 1896, now associated with his father in business. On January 31, 1917, he married Margaret H. Mitchell, born in Albany, November 7, 1895, and they have three sons: George M., born November 30, 1917; John M., Jr., born February 6, 1921, both in business with their grandfather; and F. Nelson, born June 23, 1931. All were born at Ravena.

FRANK HENRY HANER, D. V. M.—Widely known as an agriculturist and a veterinary physician, Frank Henry Haner occupies a position of leadership in the life of Jewett.

Dr. Haner was born January 8, 1890, in Lexington, Greene County, New York, son of Charles G. and Emily (Moore) Haner. His father, who was born in 1864 and died in 1940 at the age of seventy-six years, was a teacher. The mother was born in 1869. Both parents came from Lexington, New York.

District schools provided Dr. Frank Henry Haner's early formal education, and after graduation from Hunter High School he became a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, where he took the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1914. Spending a year and a half at Hoboken, New Jersey, he practiced his profession in that city, then removed to Hunter, New York. In 1918 he bought the farm on which he lives, comprising 210 acres, where he now raises twelve head of fine dairy stock and about nine hundred chickens, producing his own roughage. He operates what is recognized as one

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of the leading creameries in this region of the State. At the same time his veterinary practice has grown with the passing years, due in some measure to the fact that he is surrounded by a wide expanse of dairy country.

In addition to all his other work, Dr. Haner spent some time as a teacher before he went to college. At all periods he has taken a lively interest in the affairs of Jewett, where he has served as a supervisor of the town for two terms. During the World War he served his country as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Veterinary Corps, stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia. He is a member of Hunter Lodge, No. 807, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter of this district. He is a member of the Grange and of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On July 26, 1916, Dr. Frank H. Haner married Jeanette Schuyler Knight, of Jersey City, New Jersey. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Frank Henry Haner, Jr., a graduate of Windham High School, now a student at Cornell University. 2. Genevieve Haner, graduated from Windham High School, became a student at St. Mary's Nursing School, in Brooklyn, New York. 3. Thomas Knight Haner, a high school student. 4. Charles Arthur Haner, a local school pupil. 5. Gene Wesley Haner, likewise a student in local schools.

ARTHUR L. SPEENBURGH—A native of Jewett, Arthur L. Speenburgh has long figured prominently in agricultural affairs in this community. He has particularly devoted his attention to the poultry business, developing it along individualistic lines and catering to the needs of long-established customers as well as to those of newer customers and friends.

Mr. Speenburgh was born November 7, 1895, in Jewett, New York, son of Madison T. and Elmina M. (Lawrence) Speenburgh, of Roxbury, both now deceased. His father was engaged in farming.

District schools provided Arthur L. Speenburgh's early formal education, and after attending Hunter High School he began the active labors of his career. His first employment was with the Prattsville Dairy, in Prattsville, of whose feed department he had charge. After a short time there, he joined with his brother in the purchase of a 350-acre farm in Johnson Hollow, on which property the two men developed a herd of from fifty to seventy-five cows. After a few years, however, he sold his holdings. Then, in 1917, he acquired his present farm of 110 acres in the town of Jewett. He has a graded herd of about eighteen cattle, raises his own feed for the animals, and is extensively engaged in the poultry business, producing about 2,600 White Leghorn and New Hampshire Reds per year. He specializes in raising the pullets for egg production, and has his yearly crop sold before he buys the chicks, having customers of twenty years' standing. He makes a hobby, as well as a business, of his chicken farming, and has a White Leghorn rooster of which he has made a pet, teaching it numerous tricks and developing it as a special kind of chicken personality.

Aside from his work with this farm, Mr. Speenburgh has taken over operation of two other farms for other people. He is president of the local branch of the Dairymen's League. In spare time he does carpentry, painting and plumbing work, and is, on the whole, one of Jewett's most active men, as well as an accredited leader in Greene County. Mr. Speenburgh also serves in different public capacities, having been a member of the Greene County Board of Elections since 1925 and assessor of his town since 1934. He is a staunch Republican in his political views. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Oasis Lodge, No. 119, which he joined in 1914, and he is Master at the time of writing of Greene County Pomona Grange and chairman of the executive committee of the Jewett Grange connected with the county organization. He has been a member of the Greene County Farm Bureau for over fifteen years, and a member of its executive committee since 1937. For the past two years he has been secretary of the farm department. Since 1920 Mr. Speenburgh has been chairman of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church.

On October 14, 1914, Arthur L. Speenburgh married Ada Richmond, of Ashland, New York, daughter of Elijah and Bertha Richmond, of Ashland. Her father, who was a farmer, is now deceased.

JOHN J. WALSH—In 1940, John J. Walsh rounded out forty years of service as superintendent of Elka Park, well known resort of the Catskills.

He was born in Ontario, Canada, on April 3, 1877, son of John David and Honora (Malone) Walsh, natives of Ireland, who became citizens of the United States, and later removed to Ontario, Canada, where they remained four years and where two of their children were born. His father was a builder. After a public school education, John J. Walsh attended St. Bonaventure College at Olean, New York, and following his graduation taught in private schools for a period of four years. At the end of this time he came to Elka Park, taking complete charge, and has remained in his post during the ensuing forty years, which have witnessed an extensive development of the park area.

Mr. Walsh is widely known throughout the Tannersville section and has entered actively into its life. His interest in the section is reflected in the exhaustive study which he has made of local history, a field in which his authority is acknowledged by local residents. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church at Elka Park and affiliated with the Knights of Columbus in Kingston.

On January 31, 1897, John J. Walsh married Mary Ann Curran, of Elka Park. They are the parents of eight children: Mary Josephine, Western Union telegraph operator at Canojoharie, New York; Frances H., Western Union operator at Somerville, New Jersey; William E., a railroad mail clerk; Margaret, Western Union operator at Tannersville; John J., Jr., who is associated with his father; Leo P., a New York City fireman; Victor A., also associated with his father; and Clara T., now a student at St. Rose's College, Albany. The older children are all high school graduates.

LEO J. DEAMER—Conducting a large dairy farm in Halcott, Leo J. Deamer has interested himself intensely in the life of his community and has held a number of important offices and associated himself with several organized groups working toward community betterment.

Mr. Deamer was born November 3, 1874, at Sandlake, Rensselaer County, New York, son of Joseph M. and Barbara (Zink) Deamer. His father and mother, both natives of Germany, are both now deceased. His father, who came to the United States at the age of fourteen years, became a citizen of his adopted land and was for years successfully engaged in farming operations.

Common schools provided Leo J. Deamer's early formal education, and at the age of eight years he came with his parents to Albany. Later, at the age of sixteen, he became associated with a Mr. Foreman in the feed business, and after a short time he removed to Rensselaer County, where he became engaged in farming operations with Oscar Kent. They came to Delaware County after a time, farming with Robert Hastings, but soon they entered the mason's trade in Fleischmanns, New York, where he was engaged for two years. After his marriage, he took over the Streeter farm, in Halcott, which he has since conducted. His major work is dairying, and he keeps an average of thirty-five or forty head of graded Holsteins. He has been a leading figure in agricultural circles, and his opinions and judgments are frequently sought by others.

Active in town affairs, Mr. Deamer is a staunch Democrat. He has served as justice of the peace and supervisor here and has held other town offices. He is recognized as one of Halcott's most influential men, and is an active leader in the Grange, a former member of the Knights of Pythias and a Methodist in his religious faith.

Leo J. Deamer married (first), in 1896, Mary Streeter, of Halcott, who died in 1936, daughter of Thomas J. and Sallie Ann (Miller) Streeter, of this place, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Deamer became the parents of the following children: 1. Hilda Deamer, graduated from Halcott schools, became the wife of John Clement. 2. Mina Deamer, graduated from local schools, wife of Charles Ploutz; they have two children: Mabel and Donald Ploutz. 3. Ella Deamer, graduated from local schools, wife of Milo Mestyanck; they have three children: Leo, Gerald, and Dorothy Mestyanck. 4. Earl Deamer, who died in infancy.

Leo J. Deamer married (second), in 1938, Edith M. Gordon, of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

CHARLES H. MASON, Jr.—As the surviving member of the Mason family, long engaged in the undertaking business in Troy, Charles H. Mason, Jr., conducts one of the leading funeral chapels in the district.

Mr. Mason was born June 15, 1907, in Troy, New York, son of Charles H. and Flora I. (Smith) Mason, his father representing the third generation of Masons to head an undertaking business in Lansingburgh. The firm was founded in 1861, and Charles H. Mason, Sr., as its head, followed closely the policies established by his grandfather, Henry J. Mason, founder of the firm, and his father, Thomas H. Mason, next in line of succession to the business. In addition to his business activities, Charles H. Mason, Sr., was prominent in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations included memberships in Apollo Commandery, No. 115, Knights Templar, the Drill Corps of the Commandery, Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, Phoenix Chapter, No. 133, Royal Arch Masons, Bloss Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Mason was also a director of Leonard Hospital, a member of the board of directors of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association, a one-time commander of Samuel King Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans, and a member of the old Volunteer Hook and Ladder Company of Lansingburgh. He was active, too, in the National Selected Morticians' Association, and was the first president of the Mohawk-Hudson Funeral Directors' Association. He was a member also of Trinity Episcopal Church. He and Flora I. (Smith) Mason, became the parents of two children: 1. Charles H. Mason, Jr., of further mention. 2. Mrs. Douglas C. May, of Troy.

Charles H. Mason, Jr., attended public schools in Troy, and early entered his father's business. Becoming associated with this enterprise in 1927, he gained a complete mastery of the details of its operation, and, at the elder man's death, December 25, 1937, the younger Mr. Mason took over the business entirely. He has continued the wise policies of his father, always adapting the organization to newer needs and conditions, with the result that he conducts today what is recognized as one of the outstanding funeral homes in the Troy district.

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He is a member of the National Selected Morticians. Also active in several civic bodies, Mr. Mason belongs to the Troy Kiwanis Club, the Troy Chamber of Commerce and the Troy Country Club. He plays a considerable amount of golf when time and opportunity permit, and is a familiar figure on the Country Club course. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, of Troy, of which he is now Worshipful Master, and with Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar, and Phoenix Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

In Troy, New York, in November, 1936, Charles H. Mason, Jr., married Ruth P. Freihofer, daughter of Charles C. Freihofer.

LOUIS A. MILLER—For many years Louis A. Miller has been a leading figure in the business life of Cairo, where he operates a large store, handling a complete line of dry goods, notions and novelties, many of them of his own devising.

Mr. Miller was born December 18, 1871, son of Christian and Caroline (Bauer) Miller. His father, born November 25, 1840, died August 28, 1873, was for years a blacksmith at Leeds, New York. The mother, also of Leeds and also now deceased, was a daughter of Christian and Christine (Hemplin) Bauer.

Public schools provided Louis A. Miller's early formal education. He learned the trade of wood-turning at Purling, New York, in association with Chester E. Whitcomb, remaining in Mr. Whitcomb's employ for two years. He then went into business on his own account in Purling, and in 1907 removed his residence to Cairo, though he still maintained his business at Purling for a number of years after that time. He bought a store for retailing purposes in Cairo, however, and in 1917 purchased his present larger store. Here he has handled a wide variety of merchandise of a highly diversified character; but outstanding among his products are many of his own creations as a practitioner of the wood-turner's art.

With the passage of time Mr. Miller has acquired other properties in Cairo. He bought, for instance, the large building adjacent to his Cairo store; then built, between that building and his store, a modern store building, which is at the time of writing occupied by the A. & P. Company. Mr. Miller's own store is the largest of its kind, it is said, in this region of the mountains. In 1932 he built his present home on Bross Street. Mr. Miller has also interested himself extensively in town affairs, being a Republican and serving for some years on the county committee of his party, and helping with a variety of useful civic endeavor. He has been a Boy Scout executive since 1913, has served for twenty-five years as president of the Cairo Cemetery Association, and is a director of the Greene County Memorial Hospital Association. Among his other activities, Mr. Miller belongs to the Cairo Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Kedemah Lodge and the Order of Eastern Star. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church, with which he has been affiliated for a half century.

On October 8, 1891, Louis A. Miller married ElLouise Dayton, born in Athens, New York, June 3, 1871, daughter of Erastus Gardner and Sarah (Slater) Dayton and a descendant of old families on all sides of her house. On the paternal side of her house she was a great-granddaughter of Samuel and Mary Dayton and granddaughter of Tuttle and Ruth (Tucker) Dayton. Her father, Erastus Gardner Dayton, was a sea captain, active in the United States Navy during the Civil War, captured and held prisoner at the jail in Columbia, South Carolina, and in Libby Prison. His wife, Sarah (Slater) Dayton, Mrs. Miller's mother, was descended, on the maternal side of her house, in the fifth generation from Reuben and May (Gerraf) Slater, from whom the line passed, in the succeeding generations, through Reuben and Hannah (Hill) Slater, Elihu and Sarah (Beach) Slater, and Orrin and Polly (Curtis) Slater, to Sarah (Slater) Dayton. Mrs. ElLouise (Dayton) Miller was also descended in the tenth generation from Thomas Alcock (later spelled Alcott), whose son, Philip Alcock, born in 1648, married Elizabeth Mitchell. Their son, John Alcock, married Suzanna Heaton. Their son, John Alcock, married Deborah Blakeslee. Their daughter, Anne Alcock, became the wife of Abel Curtis. Their son, Joel Curtis, a wooden clock manufacturer of Purling, married Hannah Pardee. Their daughter, Polly Curtis, became the wife of Orrin Slater, mentioned above as the maternal grandfather of ElLouise (Dayton) Miller. Louis A. Miller and ElLouise (Dayton) Miller became the parents of two children: 1. Edna Miller, graduated from Cairo schools, became the wife of Samuel Edmond Cozine, Jr.; they became the parents of two children: i. S. Edmond Cozine III, graduated from high school, associated with his father in business. ii. Ardala, a student at Beaver College. 2. Louis Preston Miller, graduated from Cairo schools, for twelve years served as postmaster of Cairo; he married Achsah Earl, of this place, and their daughter, ElLouise, is a student in local schools.

JAMES F. RONIN—As general manager of the Albany Terminal & Security Warehouse Company, James F. Ronin has taken a lively part in the business life of Albany.

Mr. Ronin was born June 30, 1890, in Whitehall, New York, son of James F. and Margaret (Macdonnell) Ronin. His father, born also in Whitehall, now deceased, was for many years a telegraph operator. He was a Democrat in his political views and was all his life a resident of Whitehall. The mother, Mrs. Margaret (MacDonnell) Ronin, was born in Dresden, New York, and is now also deceased.

Public schools at Whitehall provided James F. Ronin's early education, and after graduation from high school there he began his active business career. In earlier years he coached baseball for five years at Albany Academy, which made him an honorary member of its 1924 class. He was also elected to honorary membership in the Gates and Beck literary societies at the academy. He has continued his deep interest in athletic sports down to the time of writing, notably in baseball, football and boxing. Mr. Ronin, in the business sphere, associated himself in 1909 with the Security Storage & Warehouse Company, of Albany, which later became the Albany Terminal & Security Warehouse Company. With this company Mr. Ronin has held different offices, acting as office manager and later as general manager. He became general manager in 1925 and vice-president in 1930, and continues in both these positions at the time of writing. He is also a director of the company.

Taking a profound interest in the general business life of Albany, Mr. Ronin has particularly concerned himself with the welfare of the local Chamber of Commerce. He became president of the chamber on February 1, 1939, and so serves down to the time of writing. He has been active in the Kiwanis Club since 1918, belongs to the Albany Club, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he has many affiliations, notably with the Knights Templar; the Scottish Rite bodies, in which he has attained to the thirty-second degree; and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Ronin is a vestryman of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church.

HARRY BRENNAR MORRIS—For years one of Catskill's most active and public-spirited citizens, Harry B. Morris has been engaged in several lines of business here. He is now among the foremost workers in real estate in this district, though he has continued many of his earlier interests, including writing, and has contributed many interesting articles to newspapers in Catskill, New York, and St. Petersburg, Florida, where he spends a great deal of time in the winter months. He was chiefly instrumental also in the naming of the Uncle Sam Bridge.

Mr. Morris was born February 20, 1863, in Freehold, New Jersey, son of the Rev. Stephen Morris, a Methodist minister, and Elizabeth (Wilson) Morris. Attending public schools, he learned the printer's trade while still young, and was employed in several shops for some years before he himself became a publisher in Rutherford, New Jersey. In 1890 he sold his holdings and came to Catskill as foreman of the job printing department of the "Catskill Recorder." In 1897, recognizing the need of a laundry in the community, Mr. Morris organized the Hygiene Laundry. The first year represented a considerable struggle, but soon his courtesy, fine work and service were rewarded and the business began to prosper. Eventually it became one of the leading business enterprises in Catskill. He operated it until 1920, then retired for a time from his active endeavors. He found, however, that retirement was not a mode of life geared to his active personality. Mr. Morris entered the real estate business in a comparatively small way, expanding his operations until his firm was very well known. He carries on this firm today, and is recognized as one of Catskill's most accomplished all-around business men.

He has at all times taken a lively interest in public affairs, as his encouragement of such a project as the Uncle Sam Bridge shows. He was actively engaged in the Chamber of Commerce work for the upbuilding and promotion of Catskill. Politically he is an Independent. He belongs to Catskill Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Greene County Historical Society and the Exempt Volunteer Firemen of the Citizens' Hose Company, and is a past president of the Rip Van Winkle Club, in which he is historian and one of the oldest members. He is a trustee of Christ Presbyterian Church.

On January 5, 1897, Harry B. Morris married Ella Howell, of Westfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Wellington Howell, Jr., of that place.

Mr. Morris is a descendant of the Morrises who came to America about 1610 and settled in what is now Monmouth County, New Jersey.

JOHN H. STORY—Since March 28, 1932, John H. Story has served as president of the Catskill National Bank & Trust Company, of Catskill, one of the oldest banking houses in the United States, dating back to 1813. He also interests himself in other financial and business enterprises, and is recognized as one of his community's noted citizens.

Mr. Story was born October 2, 1867, in Catskill, New York, son of Robert Francis and Esther (Du Bois) Story, of Catskill, both now deceased. His father was engaged in farming.

Graded and high schools in Catskill furnished John H. Story's early formal education, and after he completed his studies he entered the Catskill National Bank as a clerk. He has continued with the bank since that time, rising through the various grades of service and acquiring a knowledge of all departments and their operation. Elected president of the bank in 1932, he has held this post since

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that time and has proven himself a worthy successor to those who have held this office down to the present. The Catskill National Bank, incorporated March 26, 1813, as an associated free bank, had a capital stock limited by the charter to $400,000. On April 30, 1829, the charter was renewed to run until January 1, 1853, the capital stock being fixed at $150,000. Thomas Burrage Cooke was the first president. He was one of Catskill's leading business men, conducting for years the hardware store where Day & Holt's now stands. In 1819 the bank went across the street from its original quarters and into its present location. Few banks in the country can claim the distinction of standing on one site for considerably more than a century. The old Greene County Bank failed in 1826, and for some time the Catskill National Bank was the only one in Greene County. The State Legislature denied two other groups the right to start banks in Catskill and Athens, respectively, in 1830. The bank was reorganized in 1865 under the name of The Catskill National Bank, under the National Bank act, with Rufus H. King as Mr. Cooke's successor. In 1868 Addison P. Jones was elected president, and he was succeeded in 1871 by Isaac Pruyn, who was succeeded in 1903 by his son-in-law, James P. Philip, who was succeeded in turn by John H. Story in 1932. The bank's first cashier was Hiland Hill, Jr., but since the reorganization in 1865 the cashiers have been few, John A. Cooke being followed by Henry B. Hill, and Mr. Hill, in June, 1896, by P. Gardner Coffin, who had come to the institution in 1882 and had been assistant cashier from 1889. The directors at the time of the incorporation as a national bank, in 1865, were Rufus H. King, Francis N. Wilson, Frederick Cooke, J. Atwater Cooke, Hiram Bogardus, Joshua Atwater, John M. Donnelly, William H. Van Orden, Wilson Page, John A. Cooke and Henry Ashley. Assisting John H. Story as president were the following officers: Lyle B. Honeyford, vice-president, now deceased; Charles L. Van Loan, cashier; and Vernon M. Overbaugh, assistant cashier. The directors are Harold B. Platner, who succeeded Lyle B. Honeyford, as director, after the latter's death; Charles L. Van Loan, Edwin J. Thomas, John F. Barnard, Victor Smith, Mr. Story and Frank H. Cooke.

For some years the bank building was much smaller than it is today. The addition at the rear was completed in 1911, at which time the floor of the front part of the bank was lowered nearly to the street level from a height of almost five feet. A new two-story vault was built, with safe deposit boxes and latest improvements for protection. Mr. Story, quite aside from his work with the Catskill National Bank & Trust Company is a director of the Catskill Savings & Loan Association, and has so served for a number of years. He is also president of the Jefferson Rural Cemetery Association. A Republican in politics, he was for several years village treasurer and also was treasurer of the board of education. He is a member of the Rip Van Winkle Club and of the Reformed Church.

John H. Story married, March 25, 1891, Grace Donahue, of Catskill, New York, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Aletha Du Bois Story, born February 25, 1892, graduated from Catskill schools and from Mount Holyoke College, active in entertainment work during the World War; wife of O. G. Bowen and mother of their two children: Mary Aletha Bowen and John Story Bowen. 2. Robert William Story, born December 6, 1894, graduated from local schools, attended Amherst College until the World War, then enlisted in the navy and served throughout the war, now associated with the New York Telephone Company as a member of the engineering department; married Marion Elizabeth Ford, and they have two children: Jeanne and Robert William Story. 3. Donald Hunter Story, born April 20, 1909, died March 22, 1927.

ROBERT W. BAXTER—Operating what is said to be the oldest undertaking business in northern New York State, Robert W. Baxter heads the firm of Alexander G. Baxter & Son, of Schenectady.

Mr. Baxter was born February 22, 1888, in Newburgh, New York, son of Alexander G. and Sarah Elizabeth (Teetz) Baxter. His father, born in 1858, in Bloomingburg, New York, came in 1900 to Schenectady, where he entered the undertaking business in 1903. This business was founded in 1829 by Colonel Brown, whose son, Albert Brown, sold it to the elder Mr. Baxter in 1903. It has been in continuous operation since its inception, despite the fact that it is well past the century mark. Alexander G. Baxter not only headed the enterprise until his death, but he was elected coroner of Schenectady County and so served for twelve years, four terms in all. He also served as a Republican member of the New York State Senate from 1930 to 1932, and was rounding out his second term in that office at the time of his passing. He served his country in the Spanish-American War as a member of Company L, 5th Regiment, holding the commission of first lieutenant. In 1924 and 1925 he was commissioner of public welfare in Schenectady under Mayor Campbell. He married Sarah Elizabeth Teetz, born at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, now deceased. Alexander G. Baxter died August 31, 1934.

Public schools at Newburgh, his birthplace, furnished Robert W. Baxter's early education, and he later attended school in Schenectady, where his family came to live at the turn of the century. When he completed his formal studies, he became associated with his father, Alexander G. Baxter, in the undertaking business here, later becoming a partner in the firm, which came to be known, and still is known, as Alexander G. Baxter & Son. Since the death of his father, Robert W. Baxter has conducted this business, in which his son, Eugene Wemple Baxter, is now associated with him.

In addition to his activities in this connection, Robert W. Baxter is a director of the Union National Bank, of Schenectady. A staunch Republican, he served from 1936 to 1940 as mayor of Schenectady. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Ingersoll Memorial Home for Aged Men, and similarly serves as a trustee of the Old Ladies' Home here. He is also a trustee of the Schenectady Museum and a member of the Schenectady County Historical Society, as well as chairman of the advisory council of the Salvation Army in Schenectady. He belongs to the Mohawk Golf Club, the City Club and the Schenectady Automobile Club, of which he is a director. He is a past president of the Sons of Spanish War Veterans, in which he is affiliated with Alexander G. Baxter Camp here. Fraternally he is active in the Free and Accepted Masons and in Schenectady Lodge, Knights of Pythias. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Corlaer Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar Commandery; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is active in the Kiwanis Club and a member of the State Street Presbyterian Church. In spare time Mr. Baxter enjoys the study of mechanics as a special hobby, doing considerable experimenting along these lines. He is especially fond of the out-of-doors, enjoying boating and similar recreations.

On June 1, 1910, Robert W. Baxter married Eva Wemple, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Benjamin S. and Ada (Gifford) Wemple. The Wemples are an old and honorable family of the capital district, where they were among the earliest pioneer settlers. One son, Eugene Wemple Baxter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter on October 22, 1914. He was graduated in 1936 from Yale University, whereupon he became associated with his father in business, as indicated above. He married, June 15, 1941, Emily Ross, daughter of Silas Ross, a mortician in Reno, Nevada, and his wife, Emily Ross.

VICTOR SMITH—The Smith family of Catskill is one in which the development of an industry—the shoe industry in this instance—has passed through the metamorphoses of three generations in a very interesting configuration, culminating in the present retail shoe store of Victor Smith.

Mr. Smith was born November 28, 1888, in Catskill, New York, son of Frank P. and Emily (Layman) Smith, both now deceased, and grandson of Luke and Sophia (Hubbell) Smith. Luke Smith, founder of the Smith shoe business, was a son of a Holland Dutch sailing master and a French Huguenot mother. He learned the shoemaker's trade, then, coming from Potter's Hollow, in Albany County, to Catskill, set up a shop on the main street of the town and operated it for many years. His son, Frank P. Smith, came into the business when he became of age, and built a shop in West Bridge Street, which down to the present has been the site of the business. He was a leader in community life, having been the first superintendent of water works, as well as village clerk, court clerk for many years of the Supreme Court before the days of shorthand and typewriting, and the first treasurer of Hose Company No. 1. He, too, was a native of Potter's Hollow, and his wife, of Coonesville. Frank P. Smith operated the shoe business for many years until his death in 1917.

His son, Victor Smith, who had attended grade and high schools in Catskill and had learned the shoemaker's art under his father's direction, then took over the business. Originally this was a firm of shoemakers, since it was the custom in an earlier day to make shoes to order. Both Luke and Frank P. Smith were experts in their trade (they had to be experts, as trades were then organized), and many old-time residents look back with warm feelings in their hearts to the era of fine and skilled craftsmanship that is becoming more and more a thing of the past. Perhaps with some regret, but fully conscious of undeniable trends, Victor Smith took the final steps to convert the business into a retail store which handles a fine line of factory-made shoes, and he has developed the store into a leading establishment of its kind along these lines.

At the same time he is active in civic and social life. He is president of the Coöperative Fire Insurance Company, vice-president of the Catskill Savings & Loan Association and a director of the Catskill National Bank & Trust Company. A Democrat in his political views, he was supervisor for six years and a member of the board of education for a similar period. He is president of the board of managers of the Greene County Memorial Hospital, and a trustee of the Catskill Public Library. He is a member of Catskill Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has held all the offices in the local lodge. He is treasurer of Hose Company No. 1, succeeding his father, the two of them being the only treasurers the company has ever had. Victor Smith is also vice-president of the Catskill Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rip Van Winkle Club. He is connected with the Dutch Reformed Church.

Victor Smith married Leda Cline, of Massena, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Victor H. Smith, graduated from Catskill High School, now a teller in the Catskill National Bank. 2.

Helen Smith, also a graduate of the local high school, as well as of the Albany Business College, now in the office of the Greene County Memorial Hospital. 3. Robert Smith, a high school student.

ARTHUR B. HAYSOM—Operating a wholesale tobacco and candy business in Catskill, Arthur B. Haysom is a member of the firm of Clow & Haysom and an active leader in local affairs.

Mr. Haysom was born February 27, 1881, on Channel Island, England, son of Arthur B. and Maria (Smith) Haysom. His father is now deceased. The mother was born in 1857.

Completing his public school training through the eighth grade, Arthur B. Haysom left the class room at a very early age in order to begin work with his father. In young manhood he entered the employ of Sir Henry Cawthra, whose companion he was. After some years he entered the restaurant business, operating the Salisbury & Sons Restaurant in Brooklyn, New York, and later managing the Golden Pheasant, in Los Angeles, and the dining room of the Hotel Fairmont, in San Francisco, California. During that same period in the West, Mr. Haysom also was a conductor, for a time, with the Southern Pacific Railroad dining car system. In 1907 he took a trip to Europe, and met on the boat the woman who later became his wife, Anna Kruger, of Catskill. A strong friendship between the two led to his spending his annual vacations at Catskill for the next four years. They were married in 1912, whereupon Mr. Haysom went into the trucking business, so continuing until 1927. Then, with Archie Clow, he bought a wholesale tobacco and candy business in Catskill. The firm of Clow & Haysom has filled a prominent position in Catskill life since that time.

At the same time Mr. Haysom has taken an increasingly important part in community affairs, being a Republican in his political views and president of the village of Catskill. Formerly he served in the National Guard. He is a member of Catskill Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is affiliated with the Dutch Reformed Church.

On December 6, 1912, Arthur B. Haysom married Anna Kruger, of Catskill, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Wilhelm K. Haysom, born in California, graduated from Catskill High School and Hope College, also from Western Seminary, now a minister at Bloomington, New York; he married Minnie Burgher, a teacher in the New York City schools. 2. Alma Louise Haysom, born in California, graduated from Catskill High School and the Mildred Elly School, in Albany, became the wife of Henry Knaust, of Albany.

RAYMOND L. TOWNER—For years active in public affairs in Catskill and Jewett, Raymond L. Towner is one of Greene County's leading citizens and a notable contributor to the general well-being of this area of New York State.

Mr. Towner was born August 25, 1879, in Jewett, New York, son of Horace A. and Margaret (Barclay) Towner, of Jewett. His father, who is now deceased, was a carpenter by occupation, and served during the Civil War period as county supervisor and was active in local affairs. The Towner family was established in the Jewett area by Loammi Towner, who was Raymond L. Towner's grandfather and who was brought here from Connecticut in boyhood.

Public schools provided Raymond L. Towner's early education. Reared on the home farm of his family, he himself took up agriculture as his work in young manhood, and since that time has always owned farm property. Of recent years he has not been an active farmer, turning much of the work over to others while he performs his increasing number of public duties. His present farm holdings are 118 acres of land, on which he has a herd of twenty dairy cows and raises his own roughage for them, though he has all this work smoothly operating in the hands of assistants.

Early Mr. Towner revealed an interest in public affairs, becoming town clerk and later supervisor. He was then appointed county superintendent of highways, an office that he has held for twelve years. In addition to his other activities, he operates a summer boarding house and takes an active part in town and county affairs. Politically he is a Democrat. During the World War he was an associate member of the legal advisory board set up in connection with the selective service draft act. He belongs to the Grange, has been a trustee for a quarter of a century of the Presbyterian Church, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Mount Tabor Lodge at Hunter, is a Past High Priest of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Windham, and is a member of Catskill Council, Royal and Select Masters.

On October 18, 1900, Raymond L. Towner married Lucia Osborne, of Jewett, New York, whose father was an optician and farmer by occupation. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Alline, a graduate of Windham High School, wife of Leon Marquart; they became the parents of three children: i. Leslie Marquart, a student in Catskill schools. ii. Thomas Marquart. iii. James Marquart. 2. Wesley, a graduate of Windham High School and Albany Business College, now a writer in New York City.

HARRY F. THORPE—Having many different connections in the business world and participating to the full in the life of Tannersville, his birthplace, Harry F. Thorpe is recognized as one of the community's leaders. He is active in the automobile and garage business, and has many affiliations of importance in the Tannersville district.

Mr. Thorpe was born April 19, 1901, in Tannersville, New York, son of Charles S. and Martha (Koehler) Thorpe. His father, who was at one time a teacher, later was engaged in business as a builder. He came from Ashland, New York, and the mother from New York City.

Public schools in Tannersville provided Harry F. Thorpe's early formal education, but he left school at an early period because of illness and spent two years in a hospital. In 1921 he left the hospital on crutches, and, without financial backing but with great determination, began his business career. He was at first an operator for the Schoharie Telephone Company, and later went into the office of the company as a bookkeeper. He took every kind of clerical employment that he could find, in addition to his regular work, and also did a great deal of public work along with his other activity. In 1927 he left the telephone company and entered the employ of Charles Haines in the garage business. Later he transferred to the garage of Julius Dolan, who operated the large Broadway Garage. In 1930 he bought Mr. Dolan's holdings, and operated the business independently until 1938. In that year Mr. Thorpe took over the Blue Ribbon Garage, which he has operated down to the time of writing. He is also local agent in Tannersville for the Buick and Pontiac cars.

Along with his work in the automobile business in this district, Mr. Thorpe is secretary of the Catskill Mountains Petroleum Corporation, distributors of Tidewater petroleum products in this region, having formed this association in 1928. He also handles tires and accessories in connection with his automobile and garage enterprise.

In 1923 Mr. Thorpe was elected collector of taxes, and shortly afterward was made clerk of the school board. He was elected supervisor of the town of Hunter in 1937, and was reëlected in 1939, receiving the largest plurality ever polled here. In his partisan views he is a staunch Republican. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Mount Tabor Lodge, in Hunter, and the Royal Arch Chapter in Windham. He is a Methodist in his religious faith. In spare time he devotes his attention to one or another of his many "jobs," for work is his major hobby. He finds relaxation from one kind of activity in turning to another, and always keeps his will focussed upon some constructive task rather than the enjoyment of some wholly unproductive but pleasing recreation.

In Schenectady, New York, on February 14, 1933, Harry F. Thorpe married Winifred A. Daugherty, of Tannersville, who was, however, born in New York City but came here in girlhood, daughter of Edward and Grace (Schoonmaker) Daugherty. They became the parents of one son, Philip Edwin Thorpe, who was born November 5, 1936.

RALPH M. LORD—Successfully engaged in the drug business in Tannersville, Ralph M. Lord performs a valuable work along these lines. Quite aside from this work, however, he is intensely interested in historical research, particularly with reference to the history of the Capital Region, and conducts a freely organized class along these lines in Tannersville High School.

Mr. Lord was born March 16, 1893, in Albany, New York, son of Calvin E. and Winifred A. (Matthews) Lord and member of an old family. His great-great-grandfather, Asa Lord, was a native of Fort Dayton, on the Mohawk, where he was born during an Indian raid, son of Asa Lord, who came to Greene County after the Revolutionary War, but later went to Michigan and settled. The younger Asa Lord was the only member of the family who remained in this part of Greene County. His son, Ephraim Lord, was a farmer at Hunter. And Ephraim's son, also named Ephraim Lord, was a resident of Hunter and a prominent lumberman. His son, in turn, was Calvin E. Lord, Ralph M. Lord's father, who was a native of Coxsackie, New York, and was a cabinetmaker by occupation. The mother, Mrs. Winifred A. (Matthews) Lord, was from Ashland, New York.

Public schools of Albany, his birthplace, provided the early formal education of Ralph M. Lord, who went from high school there to the Northfield Preparatory School at Northfield, Massachusetts, then attended Union University. During his youthful years he determined to be a physician, but, lacking the necessary financial backing for the education involved, he decided to take up pharmacy instead. Learning this profession, he went into the drug business in Schenectady, remaining there for fourteen years, then came in 1904 to Tannersville. In the years that followed he made such headway that, by 1920, with J. Frank Lackey, he was able to establish the firm of Lackey & Lord. This drug firm has come to occupy a position of leadership in the community since that time, handling a complete line of drugs and sundries, as well as many other kinds of merchandise. Mr. Lord is widely known in drug trade circles, and is honored and respected by his customers and all with whom he deals.

His interests have led him naturally into the study that he so dearly loves—that of Tannersville and Greene County history. He has delved into many forgotten facts and recreated the past for local citizens, and is intimately

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acquainted with the story of the whole Capital Region. Since 1937 he has conducted his history class at Tannersville High School, a work that has been successful to a remarkable degree. During the World War, Mr. Lord was with the 306th Field Hospital, 77th Division, United States Army, holding the sergeant's rank overseas with his unit. He enlisted in September, 1917, and was honorably discharged in June, 1919. Politically he has followed an independent course. He belongs to the 77th Division Association of New York, and in the American Legion is a Past Commander of the Tannersville Post and of the Greene County organization. He is also active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Mount Tabor Lodge, at Hunter; Mount Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at Windham; Roundout Commandery of Knights Templar, at Kingston; and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On December 4, 1916, Ralph M. Lord married Mildred Bruce Harrington, of Bennington, Vermont, great-granddaughter of Governor Tichenor, of Vermont, and daughter of the Rev. James L. Harrington.

JOSEPH ADAM PETERS—As chief of police in Schenectady and as a leading figure in many civic and social groups in this city, Joseph Adam Peters has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Peters was born May 24, 1895, in Schenectady, New York, son of Adam and Sophia (Herricker) Peters. His father, born in 1859 in this city, and died September 1, 1924, was a tinsmith by trade. The mother, born in 1856 in Bavaria, Germany, died April 10, 1926.

Public schools in Schenectady provided Joseph Adam Peters' formal education, and he early learned the moulder's trade, in which he was active for seven years. On May 13, 1919, he started his career with the Schenectady Police Department, in which he was appointed sergeant April 1, 1925. He was promoted to captain December 8, 1930; deputy chief in September, 1934; and acting chief, January 28, 1938. In April, 1938, Mr. Peters was given the full rank of chief, and since that time he has headed the entire Police Department of Schenectady, consisting of 151 men.

Along with all his other activities, Mr. Peters takes an active rôle in the work of such organizations as the Young Men's Christian Association and the Boys' Club, of both of which he is a director. He belongs to St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, in which fraternal order he is affiliated with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Consistory and with Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Troy. He is also active in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in Lodge No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically he is a Republican, and he attends the State Street Presbyterian Church. Mr. Peters is fond of sports and healthful recreations of all kinds, and belongs to the Western Turnpike Golf Club. He played professional football in Schenectady for sixteen years, and since 1926 has played handball. He was checker champion of Schenectady County for four years, 1923, 1928, 1929 and 1930.

Joseph Adam Peters married, February 7, 1915 Grace Rhodes, of Saratoga, New York, daughter of Stephen and Alice Adelaide (Young) Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. Peters became the parents of two children: 1. Joseph Adam Peters, Jr., born August 24, 1916. 2. Helena Adelaide Peters, born February 11, 1918.

EDWARD DOUGHERTY—Widely known as a business man and civic leader, Edward Dougherty has contributed in notable measure to the advancement of Tannersville, where he operates the New York State Liquor Store and has served in many public capacities. He has been mayor of Tannersville since 1928.

Mr. Dougherty was born April 27, 1887, in New York City, son of Frank and Kathryn (McNamara) Dougherty, both of New York City and both now deceased. His father was a motorman.

Parochial schools in Tarrytown, New York, provided Edward Dougherty's early education. In 1900 he went into the grocery business in New York, working for others for a time and then going into business on his own account. He established, meanwhile, a residence in Tannersville, and after a time became sufficiently interested in this community to establish a business for himself. Giving up the grocery business in 1933, he began operating the New York State Liquor Store. He has conducted this enterprise since that time, and is regarded as one of Tannersville's leading business men.

Quite aside from business activities, Mr. Dougherty has taken a lively interest in public affairs. A Republican, he has served in several offices in the village, becoming mayor in 1928 and so continuing down to the time of writing. He is a member of the executive committee of the Red Cross Health Center here. Along with his other activities, he has served as chairman of the Republican town committee and as clerk and secretary since 1933 of Central School District No. 1. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Jacob Fromer Hose Company, volunteer fire department.

On August 17, 1912, Edward Dougherty married Grace Schoonmaker, of Haines Falls, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Winifred Dougherty, who married Harry F. Thorpe (*q. v.*). 2. Edwin Dougherty, who was in the class of 1939 at

Colgate University, now employed in the State Senate at Albany. 3. Jean Dougherty, living at home. 4. Eric Dougherty, a student at Duke University.

FRANK M. BRIWA—After extensive training in agriculture, both on the farm and at institutions of higher education, Frank M. Briwa joined his father in the operation of the Briwa Farms at Greenport in Columbia County. He is one of the leading dairymen and fruit growers of the district and an influential figure in the life of town and county.

Born in Columbia County on March 7, 1891, Frank M. Briwa is a son of Michael Briwa (*q. v.*), who came to this country from Alsace-Lorraine in 1880, and Augusta (Drobner) Briwa, who is descended from German stock. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of the county and afterward completed a special two-year course in agriculture at Cornell University in preparation for his life work. In 1896 Michael Briwa purchased seventy acres in the town of Greenport, Columbia County, forerunner of the present Briwa Farms which now consists of some 350 acres of fine farm and pasture land. Frank M. Briwa has been associated with his father and brothers in the operation of the Briwa Farms, which maintains a herd of upwards of fifty fine accredited cows. The Briwas were the first in Columbia County to adopt electrical pasteurization of their milk, which is distributed in Hudson and the adjacent Columbia County area. Fruit orchards comprise the second large item of the farm. The most modern methods have been adopted and the finest equipment obtainable has been provided throughout.

Mr. Briwa, like other members of his family, has taken an active interest in public affairs and has devoted many years of his career to public service. He was formerly town clerk of the town of Greenport and from 1933 to 1939 occupied the office of supervisor, sitting on the county board. During this period he laid the basis for many of the improvement projects which have featured the administration of public affairs in the town of late years. These included, among other things, the extension of the water system by twelve miles of pipe line, four miles of sewers and other improvements. Mr. Briwa also served as chairman of the supervisors committee of the T. E. R. A., and Works Projects Administration during the life of these agencies. He has been a zealous worker in promoting the progress of Greenport and Columbia County and has contributed very substantially to this goal.

Mr. Briwa helped to organize Greenport Pumper No. 1, and Becraft Pumper No. 2, and has been actively associated with other community enterprises.

In 1921, Frank M. Briwa married Valeria M. Cramer, of Columbia County. They are the parents of three children: Frances A., born July 2, 1926; Janice M., born August 27, 1929; and Kathryn Elizabeth, born February 2, 1932.

MICHAEL BRIWA—Over half a century ago, Michael Briwa settled in the Upper Hudson River Valley. After many years spent in various vocations he turned to farming, establishing the Briwa farm in the town of Greenport, Columbia County, which he has since developed on an extensive scale, with the aid of his three sons. He now operates one of the finest farming properties in this area.

Mr. Briwa was born in Alsace-Lorraine on September 29, 1863, son of Michael Briwa, a contractor and builder, who died in Alsace-Lorraine in 1882, and Kathryn (Not) Briwa, a native of Alsace-Lorraine. The pioneer of his family in America, he came to this country in 1880 after his education in the Alsace-Lorraine schools was completed, and settled in Hudson, New York. His first employment was with Dr. Schermerhorn at Stottville. Then until 1886, he worked on a farm at West Ghent, but finally returned to Hudson, where he became associated with Mr. Whitbeck, owner of a photographic and art studio. Here he remained until 1918. His career as a Columbia County farmer dates from 1896, when he purchased a seventy-acre farming property in the town of Greenport. There he began operations as a general farmer. The present Briwa farm, comprising nearly 350 acres, has developed from this original property and is still operated by Mr. Briwa with the aid of his three sons, Frank, Charles and William Briwa. Extensive orchards and cultivated fields supplement the dairy business built up during the past twenty-two years. The dairy herd of certified cattle now numbers more than fifty head, and the finest dairy equipment has been installed. The Briwa farm won the honor of being the second farm in New York State to secure electrical installations in the very modern dairy operated by Mr. Briwa and his sons. A large milk route in Columbia County provides for the marketing of the dairy products.

Mr. Briwa, who is considered one of the most progressive of Columbia County's farmers, has always followed scientific principles in the conduct of his farm. He is widely known in the Greenport district and is influential in its life, enjoying the respect and regard of his fellow-townsmen. He has lent his support to all community projects and for more than twenty years was sole trustee of School District No. 1 at Greenport. A Lutheran in religious faith, he served over a long period as treasurer of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

In 1889, Mr. Briwa married Augusta Drobner, who was a native of Silesia. They became the parents of four children: 1. Frank M. (*q. v.*). 2. Kathryn, a Ph. D., an instructor in Columbia University. She also attended Vassar College. 3. Charles. 4. William D. (*q. v.*). All of his children have received the advantage of a college education, and his sons have made substantial successes of their own careers.

GRACE ELIZA DIMMICK SNYDER—Member of one of Columbia County's oldest families, Mrs. Grace Eliza (Dimmick) Snyder continues the family tradition of civic and community leadership in her association with the life of Hillsdale.

She was born in Troy on June 4, 1873, a descendant of Elder Thomas Dimmick, who came to this country from England in 1635. Although he first settled at Dorchester, he later proceeded to Bingham, Scituate and Plymouth and to Barnstable where, following his arrival in 1639, he received the charter from the Plymouth Colony for the town of Barnstable and became one of its most prominent figures. His descendants in later generations migrated to neighboring colonies and are now to be found in every State of the Union. Among them was Eliphalet Dimmick, founder of the Dimmick general store at Hillsdale, New York, which has since been operated by successive generations of the family. Theophilus, Frederick, and Raymond Dimmick owned the business at various times.

On March 24, 1897, Grace Eliza Dimmick was married to Henry Joseph Snyder, of Hillsdale. He was born in Hillsdale on September 14, 1873, was educated in public schools of Columbia County and upon leaving school entered his father's retail meat business, where he worked as assistant. In 1895 he built a market of his own in Hillsdale and operated it successfully under the name of Snyder's Meat Market until his death on January 14, 1940. Henry J. Snyder was actively interested in everything pertaining to the development and welfare of his community. He was a charter member of the Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Hillsdale Chamber of Commerce, a member for forty years of the Hillsdale Methodist Church, and was a trustee at the time of his death. He was also affiliated with the Masonic bodies and in the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he and Mrs. Snyder were charter members. Highly respected and greatly beloved throughout Columbia County, his death was a source of regret to all who knew him and a deep bereavement to his personal associates and friends.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Snyder has continued to occupy the home dairy farm, which she operates on a somewhat smaller scale. She is a member of Cullen Chapter, No. 365, Order of the Eastern Star, in which she has held all offices including that of Matron. Marked by her enlightened citizenship throughout her career, she has contributed in many ways to the civic progress and welfare of her community.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder became the parents of two sons: 1. Howard Alexander, born at Hillsdale on April 26, 1899, now engaged in the real estate business in Elsmere, New York. He married Etta May Smith and has two children: William Henry, born June 22, 1925; and Sally Elizabeth, born April 12, 1930. 2. Raymond Dimmick, born at Hillsdale on October 21, 1903. He was graduated from Cornell University with the degree of Bachelor of Science and prepared for the profession of medicine at Cornell Medical College, New York City. After taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine there he served his interneship at Albany Memorial Hospital and was for one year house physician at Marshall Sanitarium in Troy, following which he launched his present thriving practice in Corinth, New York. He has been established in that community since 1929. In 1930 he married Hazel M. Stevens. Dr. and Mrs. Snyder have two children: Richard Grant, born on March 1, 1933; and Carol Ann, born December 26, 1937.

RAYMOND T. DIMMICK—Since his fourteenth year, Raymond T. Dimmick has been associated with the family mercantile enterprise conducted at Hillsdale, Columbia County, under the name of Dimmick Brothers. He is now its owner, and as an experienced merchant has operated very successfully on an expanding scale.

Mr. Dimmick was born at Hillsdale in 1889, son of Frederick H. and Emma (Park) Dimmick and a descendant of the old New England family whose founder was Elder Thomas Dimmick, a settler at Dorchester, Massachusetts, following his arrival from England in 1635, and later at Scituate, Plymouth and Barnstable. Five successive generations of the family have now been engaged in the operation of a general store at Hillsdale.

Raymond T. Dimmick was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, completing the course at Hillsdale High School. In 1903, when he was fourteen, he first entered the store of Dimmick Brothers, General Merchandise, which was then owned in joint partnership by his father and his uncle, Walworth T. Dimmick. Serving a thorough apprenticeship in the business, he assumed increasing responsibilities in its management and eventually inherited ownership from his father. Since that time he has made many improvements and has expanded the scope of the trade in several directions. His son, Frederick L., now working in the store, is shortly to be taken into partnership, at which time the fifth generation of the Dimmick family will be represented in the ownership of a Hillsdale mercantile business.

Mr. Dimmick is also a past director of the Philmont Bank. In addition to his business interests, he serves as commissioner of the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department and has participated for many years in the civic enterprises of the community. During the World War period he served in the local Home Guards. Mr. Dimmick is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is Past Master of the Blue Lodge. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1913, at Stockbridge, New York, he married Alma Lindsley, daughter of Albert and Etta (Mallery) Lindsley. Mr. and Mrs. Dimmick are the parents of one son, Frederick L., born at Hillsdale in 1918, now associated with his father's business.

ALONZO J. MORSE—Well known as a dairy farmer in the town of Halcott, Alonzo J. Morse has also been active in civic life and public affairs. He is one of the substantial citizens of Greene County.

Mr. Morse was born at Polo, Illinois, on September 4, 1860, son of Daniel R. and Sarah L. (Sweet) Morse. His parents were New York people, born at Roxbury and Middletown, respectively, and they returned to New York to live when Alonzo J. Morse was only seven months old. He received a public school education and until he was twenty-five years old, farmed with his father, after which he spent three years as a farm hand on other local farms. At the end of this time he purchased his own farm on Elk Creek, but shortly afterward took over the operation of his wife's parents' farm,which he operated from 1889 to 1895. In the latter year he purchased his present property in the town of Halcott, which he has since operated as a dairy farm. This holding consists in fact of two farms, his own and the old home farm of 360 acres which he has sold to his son. They farm the two as one, there being 670 acres in all, and the actual operation is now in charge of his son. The dairy herd consists of 110 purebred Holsteins. The farm supplies all the roughage for the herd and also produces two hundred gallons of syrup.

Mr. Morse has been a staunch believer in the coöperative movement among farmers and since the inception of the Dairymen's League has been a director of the organization. For many years he has been influential in local affairs and has served in several offices of public responsibility and trust. Mr. Morse has been town clerk and assessor and has filled the office of supervisor, to which both his son and his son-in-law have also been elected. He is a charter member and Past Master of the local Grange and is a member of Margaretville Lodge, No. 389, Free and Accepted Masons. For fifty years he has been affiliated with the Masonic Order and is the first member of his lodge to hold a fifty-year membership medal. Mr. Morse is a Republican in politics and is a member of the Halcott Methodist Church, on whose board of stewards he serves.

In 1885, he married Celestia H. Crosby, of Halcott, daughter of Eli L. and Deborah (Kelly) Crosby. They became the parents of seven children: 1. Deborah, a graduate of Albany State Teachers College. After teaching school for several years, she married James C. Johnson, farmer and dairyman of Halcott, and they have one son, Robert, attending public school. 2. Eli C., who was educated in local public schools and at Cornell University School of Agriculture and is now operating a boarding house in Lexington. He married Katie Todd, of Halcott. 3. Myron K., educated in Halcott public schools and Cornell University School of Agriculture, now associated with his father in the operation of the two Halcott dairy farms, one of which he owns. He is a director of the Dairymen's League and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and Grange. 4. Martha, who attended Cornell University, where she majored in home economics, and married Fred Bouton. They have three children: Elizabeth, who married Clayton Cole, a farmer associated with the operation of the Morse farms at Halcott, and has one son, Gordon; Frederick, now attending school; and Bernard, also in school. 5. Sarah, who died in youth. 6. Hulda, died in youth. 7. Mary, who also died in early life.

Mrs. Morse passed away March 26, 1938, at the age of seventy-eight, she having been born March 5, 1860.

ORSON CONVERSE PULVER—Since 1893, Orson Converse Pulver has been active in the business life of the Hillsdale area in Columbia County, operating the mercantile enterprise originally established by his father, with subsidiary real estate interests.

Mr. Pulver was born on December 1, 1872, son of Freeland and Alice (Converse) Pulver and a descendant of the early settlers of Columbia County. His ancestors have resided here for seven generations. His father, a merchant at Hillsdale until his retirement in 1920, was also postmaster of the village for thirty years.

Orson Converse Pulver received his preliminary education in the public schools of Hillsdale, where he was graduated from high school. Afterward he was a student at Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. In 1893 he entered the mercantile business at Hillsdale as a partner of his father and has continued the business alone since the retirement of the elder Pulver. In 1925 he built the present Pulver Mercantile Store. Mr. Pulver is also a partner in the Pulver Real Estate Company, a business he carries on with his wife. He is a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Hudson and a member of the Hillsdale Chamber of Commerce. As a business leader of his community he is influential in its life and has taken an enlightened interest in promoting its progress. Mr. Pulver is a member of the Methodist Church.

He married (first), in 1896, Edna May Wheeler, of Mystic, Connecticut, now deceased, and they became

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the parents of three children: Alice Converse, Louise Wheeler, and Orson Cooper Pulver. Mr. Pulver married (second), on August 19, 1928, Lila Harriet Vincent, of Hillsdale.

GEORGE HAWLEY SOUTHER—A resident of Columbiaville, George H. Souther's connection with the life of Columbia County dates back many years. He was formerly a well-known manufacturer, heading the Eastern Tablet Company and the American Paperterie Company, whose plants were located in Albany.

Mr. Souther was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 2, 1864, son of William and Fanny (Sears) Souther, both of Massachusetts families. He received a public school education and after completing a business course, launched his business career, the greater part of which was devoted to the manufacture of stationery for commercial purposes. Mr. Souther founded and became president of the Eastern Tablet Company and the American Paperterie Company, whose main offices were located in New York City, but whose plants were in Albany. He continued their operation until 1922 when he retired from active business to devote himself to personal interests. At that time he established his summer home at Columbiaville, a picturesque estate overlooking the Hudson River, commanding a panoramic view of both the Catskill and Berkshire mountains.

Mr. Souther is a past director of other business enterprises. He has relinquished most of his civic and social connections but has held membership in a few select clubs.

In 1894 he married Mary J. Hawley. They are the parents of twin sons: George H., Jr., and James W. Souther.

GEORGE DUDLEY BROWN—Resigning from the Federal postal service after more than forty years as postmaster at Austerlitz, Columbia County, George Dudley Brown is now retired, but continues to hold the prominent position he has long occupied in the life of his community.

Born on February 14, 1852, in a house located about two miles from where he now lives in Columbia County, Mr. Brown is a member of one of the old families of this area. His grandfather, Anson Brown, settled here in the late eighteenth century, and his original farm has since remained in possession of the family. Gilbert Brown was the son of Anson and the father of George Dudley Brown. He operated the family farm during his lifetime and was also engaged in business as a contractor. To his fellow-townsmen he was usually known as Captain Gilbert Brown, because he headed the Home Guards. Gilbert Brown died in 1882. His wife was Melinda Spencer, of the town of Austerlitz, Columbia County, New York.

George Dudley Brown received his education in local public schools and has always remained on the Austerlitz farm settled by his grandfather. It is many years, however, since he has been an extensive farmer. During the greater part of his active career he was postmaster at Austerlitz, serving efficiently for over forty years, a record rarely equalled in the service. During this period he held office under many presidents. Mr. Brown resigned as postmaster in 1933 and is now retired from all active business life. Always influential in the community, his judgment is relied upon by his neighbors of the town, who have looked to him for counsel for many years. Mr. Brown is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

He married, in 1878, Ella May Holmes, of Bloomington, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Brown became the parents of two children: Spencer D., who married Laura Moore and has two children: Sara Elizabeth, who married C. H. Hutchinson and also has two children. In addition to the four grandchildren there are also four great-grandchildren.

EDWARD BRIZZIE—Many years of active business effort in the Chatham community have well equipped Edward Brizzie for the work that he is doing here. His participation in civic affairs has been a most constructive one.

Mr. Brizzie was born September 4, 1888, in the town of Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York, son of Frank B. and Minnie (Wagner) Brizzie. His father was engaged in agricultural operations.

Public schools of Columbia County furnished Edward Brizzie's early formal education, and after leaving school he was a traveling salesman for many years. In 1911 he purchased a farm in the town of Chatham, which he operated until 1917. In that year he opened a real estate office to represent the E. A. Strout Agency. In 1919 he added to his real estate activities a general line of insurance, and became eminently successful along these lines, as in his previous work. He now handles policies for twelve leading insurance companies. Some years ago he established a commercial taxicab line in Chatham, of which he was the sole owner. He also operated a retail store from 1930 to 1937 for the Appliance Sales Company. Mr. Brizzie has made a truly notable contribution to the life of his community and district.

He has a host of friends in this region of New York State. He belongs to the Grange and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is affiliated with the First Dutch Reformed Church.

On October 23, 1907, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Edward Brizzie married Lucille Sturgeon. They became the parents of a son, George Brizzie, who was born in Chatham in 1917, and died September 13, 1930.

JOHN OSBORNE BLINN—For many years engaged in management of a large dairy farm at Chatham, John Osborne Blinn has been retired from his active endeavors since 1930.

Mr. Blinn was born on June 26, 1856, in Canaan, Columbia County, this State, son of Philo Buell and Helen (Osborne) Blinn, of Chatham, both now deceased. His father was a farmer and cattle dealer.

Private schools at Fort Edwards provided John Osborne Blinn's early formal education, and in 1878 he began managing and directing the Blinn Dairy Farm in Chatham for his parents, becoming its sole owner some years before the death of his mother in 1928. The property, consisting of 165 acres, has been leased to various tenants, since 1930, though Mr. Blinn is still deeply interested in it because of his long association with it. The house on this farm was built many years ago, about 1810, and is still standing as a living proof of the solidity of architectural and construction work in that earlier time. Mr. Blinn kept sixty head of cattle and also dealt in horses.

Since his retirement Mr. Blinn has devoted his time mainly to his personal interests. He is an honorary member of the Columbia County Agricultural Association, of which he was a director, and he belongs to the First Dutch Reformed Church.

John Osborne Blinn married (first), at Kinderhook, New York, in 1882, Elizabeth Kelly, who is now deceased, daughter of a prominent family of this district. They became the parents of two children: 1. John Osborne Blinn, Jr., born in 1890 in Chatham, now president of the First National Bank, of Port Jervis. 2. Philo Buell Blinn, born in 1902, in Chatham, died in Indianapolis as a result of wounds inflicted in the World War. Mr. Blinn married (second), in Chatham, in 1931, Bertha Shufelt Collins, daughter of Martin and Harriet (New) Shufelt. She is a member of Ionic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, of which she was for three years color bearer.

HAROLD C. WILKINSON—Since 1920, Harold C. Wilkinson has been associated with the A. C. Bristol Coal, Feed & Lumber Company at Copake. Well known in the business life of this section of Columbia County, he is also active in civic affairs and in addition to his business connections, now serves as town clerk of Copake.

Mr. Wilkinson was born in Copake on September 4, 1903, son of Charles Henry and Theresa (Ness) Wilkinson and member of a prominent local family. His uncle, Frank Wilkinson, operated a general store. His father, who is now deceased, was a dairy farmer here, with a farm comprising 350 acres.

Harold C. Wilkinson was educated in the public schools of West Copake, Copake and Hillsdale, where he attended high school. A feature of his school days was the four years he spent under Miss A. L. Lown, who had also been his father's teacher. His boyhood was spent on the family dairy farm in Copake, but after completing his education he was associated successively with several prominent industries of the community until 1920, when he joined the A. C. Bristol Coal, Feed & Lumber Company. He has been active in this connection since 1920 and now has important responsibilities in the business. Mr. Wilkinson's service as town clerk of Copake dates from 1932 and has been continued without interruption. He is known as a capable and affable public official whose faithful performance of his duties reflects the spirit which has made him a force in all local civic affairs.

Mr. Wilkinson is secretary of the Volunteer Fire Department of Copake. He is affiliated with Copake Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry and is a member of the Rod and Gun Club of Philmont and the Rod and Gun Club of Roleif Jensen. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

On September 29, 1928, at Copake, Mr. Wilkinson married Mina Boyles, daughter of James and Sarah Boyles. They are the parents of one daughter, Janice, born on September 16, 1932.

EDWARD H. AKIN—Many communities have benefited from the work of Edward H. Akin, who since 1911 has been station agent of the Boston & Albany Railroad, at Niverville. He has held many public offices, and at the time of writing is supervisor of the town of Kinderhook, which comprises a large district and takes in several villages.

Mr. Akin was born September 21, 1879, at Austerlitz, Columbia County, New York, son of James A. and Mary H. (Holland) Akin. His father was a farmer.

Public schools provided Edward H. Akin's early formal education. He remained on the home farm of his family until he was seventeen years of age, then became a clerk in a coal and feed firm at Ghent. When he was twenty-four years old, he took up his life work as a telegraph operator, starting at Chatham. He next served in his profession at Larchmont, New York; then at North Wilbraham, Massachusetts; then at Schodack, Columbia County, New York; then at Brookview, New York. It was in 1911 that he came to Niverville, and in this Columbia County community he has served as station agent and telegraph operator for the Boston & Albany Railroad up to the time of writing.

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He early began taking an interest in public affairs here. He has been justice of the peace for a number of years. On January 1, 1940, Mr. Akin was elected to his present office of supervisor of the town of Kinderhook, referred to above, and in this connection he has thoroughly won the confidence of his associates and of the business community. His fine judgment readily wins the respect of all who deal with him, and his advice and assistance are sought on a wide variety of matters. He is a member of a number of Niverville clubs, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with the Blue Lodge. He is a Lutheran in his religious faith.

In 1903, Edward H. Akin married Ada M. Rivenburg, of Ghent, Columbia County, New York.

WILLIAM O'BRYAN—Since the early years of the century, William O'Bryan has served as manager of the large estate of the Colgate family in the town of Jewett, Greene County. He is one of the town's most influential figures and for the past twelve years has held the office of supervisor.

Mr. O'Bryan was born at East Jewett on November 4, 1878, son of Thomas O'Bryan, a farmer of Jewett, and Angeline (Lord) O'Bryan, of Hunter. Educated in the district schools, he worked as a young man in the lumber camps and at other jobs available around a rural community. On April 1, 1901, he entered the employ of Gilbert Colgate, the nationally known soap manufacturer, and has remained in the service of the family ever since, as manager of their large estate in the town of Jewett, at the top of the Catskills. For many years this property was operated as a large-scale farm, of which he had full charge, but of late years it has been used mostly as a summer residence. Mr. O'Bryan continues as manager of the estate. In his own right he has been extremely active in town affairs and in 1930 was elected supervisor of the town, sitting on the County Board of Supervisors since that time. His leading rôle in the town and his contributions to its development are acknowledged.

Mr. O'Bryan is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with Mountain Lodge, No. 119, Free and Accepted Masons and Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters. He is also a member of the local Grange. In religious faith he is a Methodist and in past years has served as a trustee of his church.

MRS. GEORGIA BELLE (VAN BUREN) OSTRANDER—As postmaster of Ghent, Mrs. Georgia Belle (Van Buren) Ostrander has performed a valuable service to her home town. Her family is an old and honorable one in this area, being a branch of the same one of which Martin Van Buren, the eighth President of the United States, was a member.

Mrs. Ostrander was born July 12, 1882, daughter of John Thompson and Jennie (Myers) Van Buren. She is a descendant in the ninth generation of Cornelius Maessen Van Buren, and the line of descent is as follows:

(I) Cornelius Maessen Van Buren, arrived in America aboard the ship "d'Endracht" in 1630, bought a portion of land from the Indians in the following year, covering much of what is now Columbia and Greene counties.

(II) Marten Cornelissen Van Buren, his second son, owned in 1665 one-half of Constapels Island, and in 1700 was captain in Colonel Pieter Schuyler's regiment in Albany.

(III) Pieter Van Buren, his elder son, settled in Kinderhook, Columbia County, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits.

(IV) Barent Van Buren, his heir, was road commissioner of Kinderhook in 1750, and lived in the town of Ghent when it was founded.

(V) Pieter Van Buren, his son, was captain in Staat's Company, Albany Militia, in the Revolutionary Army.

(VI) Johannis (John) Van Buren, his son, was an influential farmer and was founder of the Dutch Church of Ghent.

(VII) John Van Buren, his eldest son, served in 1845 as Attorney-General of the State of New York, and was adjutant of the 25th Regiment of the 2d Brigade of Cavalry of the New York State Militia. He also was supervisor of the town of Stockport, New York.

(VIII) John Thompson Van Buren, father of Mrs. Ostrander, was a substantial farmer and an elder in the First Dutch Reformed Church of Ghent.

(IX) Georgia Belle Van Buren, his daughter, attended public schools in Columbia County, and from an early period in her life took a lively interest in the affairs of her community and district. She received an appointment as temporary postmaster in Ghent on October 6, 1934, and, when this appointment was later confirmed, on April 6, 1935, she became full postmaster for an indefinite term. She is still in charge of the local postal system, and is recognized as one of Ghent's leading citizens. She is a member of the Columbia County Postmasters' Association, the New York State Postmasters' Association and the National Postmasters' Association. Interested in a wide variety of civic affairs, and particularly in matters relating to community history, she is active in the First Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1902 Georgia Belle Van Buren became the wife of Frank Lyle Ostrander. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Grace E. Ostrander, born in 1903, received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from New York State Teachers' College in 1923, her degree of

Master of Arts in 1935 and that of Doctor of Philosophy in 1939 from Cornell University; now assistant to Professor Pfundt at Cornell University. 2. Edgar J. Ostrander, born in 1905, received a degree of Bachelor of Arts in engineering from Northeastern University in 1928; now an engineer in the employ of the New York State Government.

JOHN CHRISTIAN BERNINGER—Operating Berninger's Garage, in Ghent, John Christian Berninger is recognized as one of his community's leading business men and citizens.

Mr. Berninger was born in 1884 in Germany, son of Christian L. and Anna (Bartholmei) Berninger. His father was a farmer, specializing in the production of fruit and dairy products. The parents settled in Ghent in 1887, and here they and their children have been leaders in community affairs. The father is now deceased.

Public schools provided John Christian Berninger's early formal education, and at the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade. In 1908 he entered into a partnership with A. J. Gaddis, the two men opening a blacksmith's shop of their own in Ghent and operating it until 1918. In that year John C. Berninger accepted employment with the Hall Signal Company, remaining for six years with them. He then proceeded to devote his full time to the Gaddis & Berninger Garage, which he and A. J. Gaddis had together founded in Ghent in 1922 upon reuniting in partnership. After a time Mr. Berninger bought his partner's interests and became sole owner of the garage. That was in 1927, when the name of the enterprise was changed to Berninger's Garage. Mr. Berninger has greatly enlarged the establishment to meet community needs, and he operates today what is the only enterprise of its kind in Ghent.

In addition to his activities along these lines, Mr. Berninger is a director of the Chatham State Bank, of Chatham, New York. He is a past president of the Ghent Sportsmen's Association and a member of the Columbia County Firemen's Association, the National Automobile Dealers' Association and the Rod and Gun Club. He is also a Republican election commissioner of Columbia County. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees and the Grange. In the Masonic Order he is a Past Master of the local lodge, a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Knights Templar Commandery and other groups, and an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His only military service has been with the Ghent Home Guard. Formerly he was an elder and a deacon in the First Dutch Reformed Church. Interesting himself in every department of Ghent civic life, Mr. Berninger has played an active and vital rôle in promoting the community's growth and development.

In 1927, in Ghent, New York, John Christian Berninger married Helen M. Whited, daughter of James and Philena (Ahart) Whited. Following are the children who were born of this marriage: 1. Jane Berninger, born March 19, 1934, in Ghent, New York. 2. Augustus Berninger, born March 29, 1940, also in Ghent.

IRMA C. ABRIEL—As postmaster at Spencertown since 1936, Irma C. Abriel has added four years of public service under Federal appointment to her previous record as a civic and community leader. She is a member of one of Columbia County's oldest families.

Mrs. Abriel was born at Spencertown, daughter of George W. and Eliza C. (Whiteman) Demler and a descendant of George Demler, who settled at Austerlitz in Columbia County many generations ago. Her father was a stone mason contractor and laid the foundations for most of the larger buildings in this section, including schools and churches. He passed away June 21, 1940.

Irma C. Abriel was educated in the public schools of Spencertown and at Chatham High School. She has played an active rôle in the civic and social life of Spencertown since the beginning of her career, but never entered public life until her appointment as postmaster of Spencertown on December 19, 1936. She was designated to this office by Postmaster General James A. Farley and has filled it in a manner reflecting credit both upon her own qualifications and upon the postal service of which she is a member. Since assuming her present position, she has been a member of the National Postmasters' Association.

REV. CORNELIUS JOHN MEYER—As minister of the First Dutch Reformed Church at Germantown, Columbia County, the Rev. Cornelius John Meyer continues a pastoral succession which dates back to the early years of the eighteenth century, when this ancient church was founded. He has served in his present charge during the past five years.

Mr. Meyer was born in Passaic, New Jersey, on December 24, 1907, son of John and Sophie (List) Meyer, both of Netherlands families. His father, who died in 1937, was a merchant in Passaic.

Cornelius John Meyer received his preliminary education in the public schools of Passaic, where he was graduated from high school, and at Drake's Business College. Afterward he entered Hope College at Holland, Michigan, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932, followed by the degree of Bachelor of Theology at Western Theological Seminary, also at Holland, Michigan, in 1935. Having completed his preparations, he was ordained to the ministry at Germantown, New York, on August 7, 1935, after being called to the First Dutch Reformed Church in Germantown, where he was duly installed as pastor and has since remained. Succeeding the Rev. Harris A. Freer, who retired after twenty-five years of service, he became the twenty-sixth minister to occupy the pulpit of this church, which was first established at Germantown in 1728. Sensible that a notable tradition has passed into his keeping, he has brought to his pastoral duties both humility and zeal.

In addition to his Germantown charge, Mr. Meyer also serves as pastor of the Livingston Memorial Church at Linlithgo. He has also taken an enlightened interest in the general life of the county during his residence here and has made his influence felt in effecting its growth and progress. As a churchman he is active in the Columbia County Ministerial Association, of which he is now president, and serves as an executive of the County Board of Christian Endeavor and as superintendent of Evangelism and Quiet Hour. At Hope College he became a member of an undergraduate fraternity, the Cosmopolitan Club.

On July 10, 1935, at Detroit, Michigan, he married Laurena Louisa Hollebrands, daughter of the Rev. James John Hollebrands, pastor of the First Dutch Reformed Church in Detroit, and Cornelia (Ver Ploegh) Hollebrands. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are the parents of one son, John Hollebrands Meyer, born at Hudson, New York, September 27, 1937.

ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON—Bearer of one of the great names in the history of New York, Robert R. Livingston continues the traditional association of his family with the life of Columbia County. Like the distinguished ancestor for whom he was named, he is a member of the bar, but for some years has confined his activities to business and horticultural interests in the Germantown and Clermont sections.

Mr. Livingston was born at the family home in Clermont on August 4, 1888, son of Robert R. and Mary (Tailer) Livingston. He is a descendant of Robert Livingston, first Lord and Patentee of the Manor of Livingston, son of a Scottish clergyman, who came to this country from Holland about 1675 and received from Governor Dongan of the Province of New York a grant to the Manor and Lordship of Livingston in the upper Hudson Valley. Great-grandson of the American progenitor was Robert R. Livingston, first Chancellor of the State of New York and direct ancestor of the present Robert R. Livingston. He was born in New York City, November 27, 1746, was graduated from King's College (now Columbia) in 1765 and practiced law successfully in New York. In 1773 he was made recorder of the city. Deprived of this office in 1775 because of his patriot sentiments, he was elected to the Continental Congress in the same year and was appointed to the committee constituted to draft a declaration of independence. In 1780 he was again a member of Congress and from 1781 to 1783 was Secretary of Foreign Affairs. When the National Constitution was before the Colonies for adoption, Chancellor Livingston was a member of the convention which ratified it for New York and voted for this course of action. On the organization of the State under a constitution he was appointed first Chancellor and served as such until 1801. Afterward he was Minister Plenipotentiary to France from 1801 to 1804 and conducted the negotiations which secured the cession of Louisiana to the United States. He was a man of exceptional intellectual attainments, a patron of agriculture, the arts and science and an associate of Robert Fulton in perfecting the system of steam navigation. Chancellor Livingston died on February 26, 1813, at Clermont, New York, where his descendants have since made their home.

Robert R. Livingston, father of the present bearer of the name, died in 1899. He was a fruit grower in Columbia County and in early life was interested in the lumber industry. His widow still survives.

Robert R. Livingston of this record was educated at the Browning School in New York City and at Princeton University, where he was graduated in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Letters. He prepared for the profession of law at Columbia Law School, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914, and upon his admission to the bar in the same year, began practice with the New York law firm of Hunt, Hill and Betts. This connection he terminated after the entrance of the United States into the World War, when he enlisted in the United States Army, was commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to duty in the Water Transport Service. He remained in the service until the close of the war, served a year and a half overseas, and then took up his residence in Columbia County.

Since that time Mr. Livingston has been interested in fruit growing, maintaining a farm of five hundred acres at Germantown which is largely, although not entirely, devoted to fruit. Until 1931 he was also president of the Germantown National Bank and at present heads the Germantown Cold Storage Company. He is a trustee of the Potts Memorial Hospital and vice-president of the New York Dispensary and a director of many civic, benevolent and commercial organizations. In 1923 he served in the State Legislature and in 1928 was a candidate for Congress. He is a former member of the Democratic State Committee. Mr. Livingston is a member of the Columbia County bar, but does not practice, limiting his attention to the interests mentioned. He is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Holland Society of New York, the Delta Psi fraternity and the Princeton and St. Anthony clubs of New York. He is Past Commander of the Germantown Post of the American Legion, and Past Vice-Commander for Columbia County. He has been a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Tivoli for thirty-one years, and senior warden for eight years. He is a former trustee of the Veterans Mountain Camp, and an original member of the Farm Bureau in Columbia County, the State Horticultural Society and the State Grange.

Mr. Livingston occupies the family home at Northwood, Clermont, a beautiful estate overlooking the Hudson, which adjoins the girlhood home of Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President. The present house, built in 1856, contains many family mementos, including oil portraits of the Chancellor and each of his descendants who followed him as master of the Clermont estate. Mr. Livingston has one daughter, Susan P. Livingston, born February 23, 1926.

RAYMOND OSBORN—As a young man, Raymond Osborn entered the cattle business, which he has followed in Greene County for many years. He is today one of the county's largest cattle dealers and is active in several other business enterprises centering at Maplecrest, where he has always made his home.

Mr. Osborn was born at Big Hollow, now Maplecrest, on March 24, 1893, son of Henry Osborn, a farmer of Jewett and Maplecrest, and Frankie (Hitchcock) Osborn. Henry Osborn passed away on May 14, 1924. Mrs. Osborn is still living. Raymond Osborn was educated in local public schools, turned to farming as a boy, and shortly afterwards entered his present business. Since that time he has operated as a cattle dealer over a large section of the county. He has at least one hundred head of cattle on hand at all times and carries on an extensive business in horses. He operates six farms in the Maplecrest section, three of which he owns, renting the others, the total acreage being nearly one thousand. He raises all his own roughage for feed.

During the winter months for several years, Mr. Osborn has also been engaged in the lumber business, operating a sawmill and getting out the raw timber, which he sells. For his various enterprises he has three trucks in service continuously. In addition to these interests, he operates a taxi service for The Sugar Maples, well known summer resort in Maplecrest, with nine cars in operation during the season. He is also local agent and distributor for Mack trucks, disposing of many throughout this area. Local affairs and civic projects have received a generous share of his attention. He is a director of the National Bank of Windham, past deputy sheriff of the county, serving for three years, and is well known in baseball circles. Mr. Osborn has always loved the sport. He played himself for several years, and when his play days were over he managed the Maplecrest Baseball Club, which was highly successful, playing on even terms with such outstanding teams as the House of David. His teams were generally rated as the best in the Catskills and commanded wide attention and support.

Mr. Osborn is a Democrat in politics and is influential in public matters of town and county. Both he and Mrs. Osborn are active members of the Free Methodist Church and teach classes in its Sunday school.

On October 4, 1916, Raymond Osborn married Zada Brandow, of Prattsville, daughter of Jason and Nettie (Thornton) Brandow. They are the parents of four children: 1. Evelyn, a graduate of Windham High School, who married Reginald Disbrow, on February 9, 1937, and has three children: Wanda, Sandra, and Maxine. 2. Geraldyne, now twenty-one, who attended Windham High School. On April 19, 1941, she was married to Thomas Meehan, a plumber for The Sugar Maples, at Maplecrest. 3. Beatrice, sixteen, a high school student. 4. Raymond, Jr., who is seven years old.

MELEATUS BRUCE, M. D.—The important part the family doctor plays in the life of our communities is too often unappreciated by the large city-dweller familiar only with the names of specialists. The general practitioner in the smaller towns of our Nation remains, as of old, the man who responds without consideration for himself, to every call, day or night, of his fellowmen. He has grown in stature, now that he has at his command the advantages of the hospital and the specialist within short motor distance of his practice. The scope of his services have thus been enlarged.

Without ostentation, or ever taking his work over seriously, Dr. Meleatus Bruce, of Richmondville, New York, took a justified pride in being a family doctor. He was engaged in general practice for forty years; he served his own community well; and had patients in Oneonta, Schenectady, Albany, Cooperstown and elsewhere in this part of New York State, patients who would have no other to treat them, patients to whom his word was essential and absolute. A native of Summit, Schoharie County, born October 2, 1869, he was the son of Eli and Anna E. (Fredendale) Bruce, both of whom are now deceased. Both were also born in Summit. His grandfather, the Rev. Samuel Bruce, was a pastor of Lutheran churches at Richmondville, Summit and Beard's Hollow, all in Schoharie County, over a long period and it is said of him that he married more than five hundred couples and officiated at the obsequies of a thousand people. The Lutheran

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Church, at Summit, was organized in 1823 through the labors of the Rev. George Wintner. Its first edifice was erected in 1836, and remodeled in 1858. Samuel Bruce succeeded the Rev. Benjamin Dieferdorf, as pastor. The Beard's Hollow Church was founded on May 6, 1865, taking over the building of the Baptist and Lutheran congregations of three years earlier, which was fully paid for by the Lutherans on February 16, 1867. The Lutheran Church, of Richmondville, was organized in 1830 and completed an edifice in 1833, that was enlarged in 1876. Incidentally, Grandfather Rev. Samuel Bruce was a charter member of Jefferson Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

The father of Dr. Bruce was an agriculturalist and it was upon the none too fertile home farm that he grew up and went from it to add new lustre to the family tradition of service to humanity. His education was acquired at the district school and the Cobleskill High School, from which he was duly graduated, and the Albany Medical College, where he earned the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1898. This was the class that included Dr. Edgar A. Vanderveer, Dr. A. H. Travor, of Albany, and others who became notable in the Capital Region of New York. Dr. Bruce was graduated as preceptor of the Albany Medical College. During his three years in the institution he had also studied and worked in the office of Dr. Albert Vanderveer, father of the classmate above mentioned, and therefore was exceptionally well prepared to immediately enter upon a private practice in Charlotteville, New York. Here he remained until 1924, when he removed to Richmondville, where he continued his important career to the time of his death fifteen years later. Although he had patients in a number of the cities and towns of this part of New York, he was always a general practitioner, serving a large clientele to whom his word was law as regards health and healing. He never failed in his recognition of the value of the specialist and the hospital, to which he sent a very large number.

Dr. Bruce was a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Schoharie County Medical Association, being upon several occasions the president of the latter organization, and the author of numerous papers read before this and other professional organizations. He was the health officer of the town of Summit for many years. Although thoroughly civic-minded and an influential member of the Democratic party, Dr. Bruce had no political aspirations. Once, in a spirit of fun, his fellow-citizens nominated him for constable, and despite his campaigning against himself, he was elected. He long was a justice of the peace, and no man's advice was more frequently sought and accepted by the town board. At one time he also was president of the school board of Summit and for fifteen years had charge of the selection and employment of teachers in the district schools. In business he was the local representative of the Merchants Mutual Casualty Company and other insurance companies, and was examiner for several life insurance companies. Fraternally, Dr. Bruce was affiliated with Mount Jefferson Lodge, No. 544, Free and Accepted Masons; Lodge No. 525, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Richmondville, and the body of the K. O. T. M., at Charlotteville. While a member of the Lutheran Church he frequently attended the Richmondville Methodist Church.

Dr. Meleatus Bruce married (first) Margaret Dibble, of Summit, and they were the parents of one son, Howard Bruce, now a school teacher on Long Island, New York. Dr. Bruce married (second), October 12, 1912, Rose B. Lamont, daughter of David and Clara (Wilson) Lamont, her father born in West Fulton and her mother in Blenheim. Mrs. Bruce is a third cousin of the late Judge William C. Lamont. Dr. and Mrs. Bruce became the parents of two daughters: 1. Elizabeth, born September 8, 1913, at Summit; educated in local schools, Cobleskill High School, and a graduate of Syracuse University, class of 1905, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After a year of postgraduate work at Syracuse, she began teaching at Richmondville Central School in 1937, a post she still retains at the time of writing. 2. Mildred Bruce, born October 2, 1918, at Summit; graduated from Richmondville Central School and Syracuse University, class of 1939, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. She married James F. Cahill, teacher of music in Brighton School, son of Judge John T. Cahill, of Kingston. Mrs. Bruce is a prominent figure in society, cultural and club circles. She is president of the Marion Study Club of Richmondville, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Cobleskill; the Amaranth Society of Schoharie; is a Past Deputy Director of Rebekah Lodge, of Schoharie, Richmondville Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and past president of the Richmondville Literary Circle, the oldest of the federated clubs in the Third District of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs. Both she and her husband were active communicants of the Richmondville Methodist Episcopal Church, and generous in the support of religious and charitable projects and organizations.

The news of the demise of Dr. Bruce on October 25, 1939, from a heart attack, was received by his very many friends with a keen sense of personal loss. He had been to them more than a physician or civic leader; he had been a family advisor, the man of medicine whom several generations had known and esteemed; a personage who seemed to be a permanent part of the community life, whose niche could not be filled by any other. Of him it could in truth be said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

JAMES WILLIAM WEST—James William West is descended from a long line of artisans. He himself did his part to maintain the family record in this respect, then diverged to finally attain the headship of an insurance corporation, the business of which he has masterfully but carefully developed.

His family is of Scotch origin but well rooted in American soil. His grandfather, Jeremiah West, was a native of Middleburgh, New York, and a carpenter by vocation. His father, William West, was also a carpenter and a sash and blind and other millwork manufacturer of Middleburgh. His mother, Laura McBain, died when her son was only ten years old.

James W. West was born in Middleburgh on June 25, 1888, absorbed the education of the public schools, was graduated from Middleburgh High School and spent six years with his father learning millwork. He then spent five years as a general carpenter in Gloversville, New York, but ambitious for a change of occupation in a more promising field of endeavor he returned to his native town and found clerical employment with the Empire Coöperative Fire Insurance Company at a wage rate far below the carpenter's standard. For six or seven years there was no advancement worth while but meantime he had mastered the business, in all its ramifications. He progressed steadily in the organization, demonstrated his proficiency and executive talents, was a director for several years, and in September, 1930, was elected president to succeed Wellington E. Bassler, the first and only president of the company, who was also the publisher of a local newspaper.

Under Mr. West's administration the company has prospered. In April, 1933, it took over a smaller company, the Merchants & Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance, which had done business since 1897. The Empire Coöperative itself was incorporated in March, 1894, and is one of New York State Standard Advance Premium Coöperative Fire Insurance companies, operating under the provisions of the State insurance law. It is a member of the Coöperative Fire Underwriters Association in New York State, and its policies are of the standard form. It writes insurance in the State of New York at rates established by the Underwriters Rating Board, varying from ten to thirty per cent. less than tariff rates. Companies in this class cannot use more than forty per cent. of premium income for expenses of management, and they are required to maintain an unearned premium reserve under penalty of the law assessing members for deficiency in the reserve. The company is required to limit the liability in the business section of any city or village not to exceed two per cent. of the total business in effect. The insurance which this company had in force at the close of business in 1939 was $33,447,473. The largest net amount in any one hazard is $10,000. It will be seen that it aims to be conservative and safe, and, comparatively, its percentage of assets comprising mortgage loans and real estate, is very large. The directors of the company are: William F. Spencer, superintendent of schools; Duncan L. Best, doctor; Roland O. Bonck, news dealer; Roger W. Cornell, merchant; Robert J. Johnson, attorney; Josiah Mann, dentist; Albert E. Requa, business man; Willard T. Rivenburgh, doctor; E. Scott Rose, treasurer and manager of the Middleburgh Telephone Company; James W. West; George B. Wheeler, retired merchant.

Mr. West is also a director of the First National Bank of Middleburgh. He was for six years a director of the Cobleskill Golf and Country Club, and is a director of Middleburgh Rotary and of the Masonic Club of Middleburgh. He is, too, a member and an elder of the Dutch Reformed Church.

James William West married (first), in 1915, Mary Hyde, of Middleburgh, who died in 1934. He married (second), on September 5, 1936, Margaret Buddenhagen, of Sidney, New York, a graduate of Sidney High School and of Wells College. She is active in women's clubs and in the Century Club. There was one child, now deceased, of the second marriage.

WILBERT AVERY DEAN—Since 1910, when he settled in Columbia County, Wilbert Avery Dean has been engaged in dairy farming at Copake. He is one of the substantial dairymen of this section and is well known in the county's life.

Mr. Dean was born at Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, on February 23, 1876, son of Edward K. Dean, a Connecticut farmer who died in 1935, and Frances (Caulkins) Dean, who died in 1937. Since his Scottish ancestors first settled in Connecticut, his family have been farmers.

Wilbert A. Dean spent his early life in Connecticut. He received a public school education and began his career on the family farm at Sharon. After his marriage he operated a farm in Connecticut until he moved to Millerton, New York, in 1899. Here he remained for three years, then took up his residence in Mill Brook from 1902 to 1910, when he came to Copake. Upon his arrival here he purchased 160 acres of farm land, on which he established his present dairy farm, adding to his holdings from time to time until he now owns over 340 acres. For several years Mr. Dean was a co-partner with John D. Ackley in the Empire Farms, one of the large

Wilbert A Dean

farms of Columbia County. In the operation of his present large and modern dairy farm he is assisted by his son.

Mr. Dean is a supervising director and sub-district president of the Dairymen's League and is a trustee of the Hudson Savings Institution at Hudson. He is Past Master of Copake Grange and a member of the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the latter of which he has held all offices in the local lodge. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

In 1896 Mr. Dean married Georgia M. Bird, member of a New York State family. They became the parents of two children: 1. Dorothy, deceased; married Elting C. Niber and had two children: i. Philip, died in infancy. ii. Marjorie, attending Syracuse University. 2. Wilbert Avery, Jr., a graduate of Cobleskill Agricultural School, now operating the farm; married Charlotte Hoskins, of Copake, and has one son, Douglas.

FLOYD R. BUHRMASTER, D. D. S.—A member of one of the old families of Schenectady County, Floyd R. Buhrmaster continues the active connection of the family with the life of the county in his own career. He is a dentist by profession and has practiced at Scotia since 1936.

Dr. Buhrmaster was born in Scotia on September 8, 1911, son of George H. and Sophia (Knabner) Buhrmaster, both born at Glenville. His father is a general contractor in Scotia. His grandfather, Christian F. Buhrmaster, and his great-grandfather, Frederick Buhrmaster, were farmers in this county for many years.

Floyd R. Buhrmaster received his preliminary education in the public schools of Scotia and after his graduation from high school in 1928, entered Ohio State University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1933. He prepared for his profession at the same institution and after receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1936, returned to Scotia to begin the general practice which he has since carried on successfully. His offices are located at No. 39 Mohawk Avenue.

Dr. Buhrmaster is a member of the American Dental Association, the New York State Dental Society, the Fourth District Dental Society, the Schenectady County Dental Society and the Schenectady Dental Study Club. In addition to his professional connections, he is affiliated with Schenectady Lodge, No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is a member of the Scotia Rotary Club. He is also affiliated with the Psi Omega fraternity and is a member of the Lutheran Church. Dr. Buhrmaster is a Republican in politics. Hunting is his favorite recreation.

On September 29, 1933, he married Doris Daenitz, of Defiance, Ohio, daughter of Walter T. and Maude (Harley) Daenitz. Dr. and Mrs. Buhrmaster have two daughters: Joan, born May 23, 1937, and Sue born November 24, 1940.

AUGUSTAVE NEUBER, D. D. S.—Specializing in orthodontia, Dr. Augustave Neuber is one of Schenectady's leading citizens.

Dr. Neuber was born November 21, 1894, in Schenectady, New York, son of Augustave and Laura (Secor) Neuber. His father, born in Schenectady in 1870, was a machinist with the General Electric Company, in this city, until his death on July 10, 1926.

Public schools in Schenectady provided Dr. Augustave Neuber's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school here in January, 1914. He then took up his professional studies at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1917. He then began his practice of dentistry in Schenectady, where he has centered his activities down to the time of writing. In 1925 he had postgraduate studies at the Dewey School of Orthodontia, in New York City, and since that time his specialty has been orthodontia. Dr. Neuber has given a great deal of his spare time to dental association work. In 1935 he was president of the New York State Dental Society. He is also a member of the New York State Society of Orthodontists and a Fellow of the American Academy of Dentistry. He also belongs to the American Society of Orthodontists, the Schenectady County Dental Society, the Fourth District Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

Quite aside from his professional activities, Dr. Neuber takes a lively interest in civic affairs. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Mohawk Golf Club. Golf is a favorite pastime of Dr. Neuber.

On October 14, 1919, Dr. Augustave Neuber married Bertha A. Lee, of Mechanicville, New York, daughter of Samuel N. and Frances (Larkin) Lee. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Doris Lee Neuber, on July 13, 1922; a student at the Knox School, in Cooperstown, New York. 2. Richard A. Neuber, born April 28, 1927.

CHARLES FREDERICK FLEMING GARIS, Sc. D.—As professor of mathematics at Union College for more than three decades and dean of the college in recent years, Charles Frederick Fleming Garis has been closely identified with the development of this institution since the beginning of his professional career.

He was born at Easton, Pennsylvania, on February 1, 1881, son of Cornelius Weygant Garis, an Easton business man, who died in 1935, and Minnie (Fleming) Garis, also born in Easton, who died in 1932. Dean Garis was educated at Lafayette College in Easton, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1903 and the degree of Master of Arts in 1906. Subsequently, in 1908, he carried on further graduate work at the University of Chicago. His connection with the department of mathematics at Union College dates from 1903, when he was appointed instructor in mathematics, and in the succeeding five years he rose through the various academic ranks, becoming assistant professor in 1906 and full professor in 1908. In addition to his duties in the department of mathematics, which he still continues, he assumed general administrative responsibilities in the college in 1919, when he was appointed dean of students and broadened them in 1933, when he became dean of the college.

As a mathematician and college administrator, Dean Garis is well known in academic circles. He is also an influential figure in the life of Schenectady where, in addition to his connection with Union College, he is a director of the Van Corlear Hotel Corporation; chairman of the board of the Schenectady Savings Bank and is now serving his third five-year term as a member of the Schenectady School Board. He is a member of the American Mathematical Society, the American Association of University Professors, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Sigma Nu and the Mohawk Golf Club. In 1923 he received from Lafayette College the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

Dean Garis is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Golf is his favorite recreation.

In 1908 he married Rose Lansing, of Albany, and has one daughter, Drusilla Lansing.

VERNON N. BUYS—Since 1916 Vernon N. Buys has been associated with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, working in the publicity department where he now holds the position of section head. His career during much of this period has also been featured by his activities in public life which have brought him several public offices and many civic connections.

Mr. Buys was born at Pattersonville, New York, on July 30, 1897, son of Frank A. and Margaret (Van Patten) Buys. His father, who was born at Rotterdam, New York, in 1862 and died on October 9, 1928, was employed with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad for approximately twenty-five years. The mother, born at Glenville, New York, died in 1900.

Vernon N. Buys was educated in the public schools of Scotia, where he was graduated from high school in 1914, and subsequently spent a little more than a year in the insurance office of F. C. & W. A. O'Brien. At the end of this time, in 1916, he entered upon his present connection with the publicity department of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, in which he has been appointed section head on the basis of his record and seniority. His service in public life began in 1928 when he became town clerk of the town of Glenville. After occupying that office until the close of the year 1931, he was elected supervisor of the town of Glenville and continued as such from 1932 to 1937, inclusive. During the last year of his term he was chairman of the County Board of Supervisors.

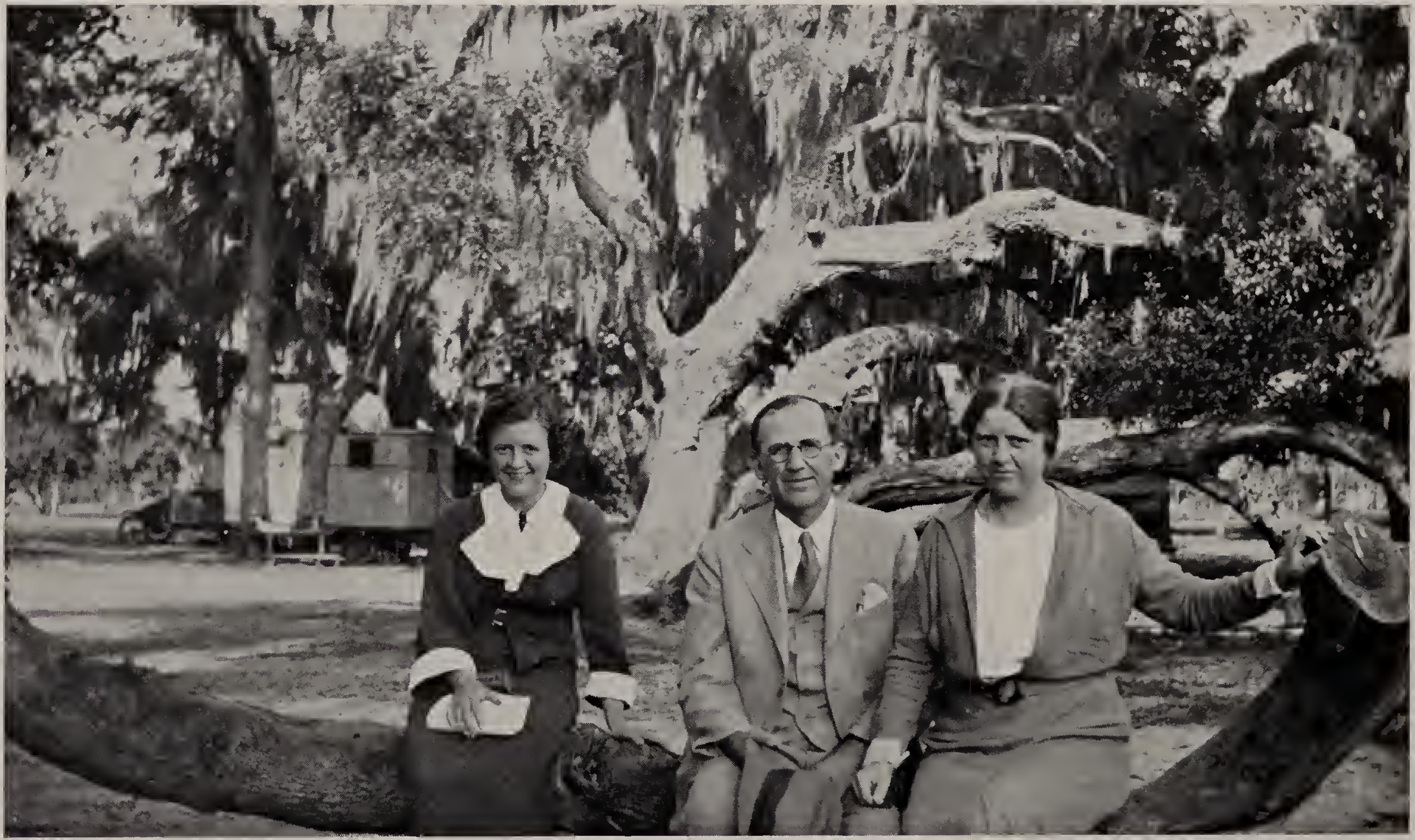
Mr. Buys is now a member of the board of managers of the Schenectady County Airport. He is a member of the Scotia Rotary Club, the Chambers of Commerce of Scotia and Schenectady, the Edison Club and Benkendaal Lodge, No. 915, Free and Accepted Masons. During the World War he was in the army for six months on unattached duty at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and since the war has been a member of Scotia Post, No. 1001, American Legion. Mr. Buys is a Republican in politics and a member of Scotia Reformed Church. Fishing and golf are his favorite recreations.

He married, on June 26, 1918, Irene Belle Miller, of Charlton, New York, daughter of Jefferson B. and Caroline (Haskell) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Buys are the parents of two children: Beatrice W., born August 14, 1922, a graduate of Scotia High School in the class of 1940; and Robert A., born October 1, 1924, now attending Scotia High School.

RAYMOND J. BALLERT—A variety of private business and public service activity has well equipped Raymond J. Ballert for his present work as village clerk and treasurer of Scotia.

Mr. Ballert was born November 15, 1898, in Schenectady, New York, son of Julius F. and Wilhelmina (Gabel) Ballert. His father, born July 4, 1877, in Schenectady, served for a number of years as general foreman of the steel foundry of the General Electric Company until his death December 13, 1933. The mother was born June 17, 1877, in Albany, New York.

Raymond J. Ballert attended public schools in Schenectady and Scotia, was graduated from Schenectady High School in 1916, then studied for three years at the School of Industrial Arts, in Trenton, New Jersey. For about five years he was associated with the New York Power & Light Corporation, in Schenectady, doing sales work and later acting as assistant commercial manager. For two years he was connected with the Maddocks Pottery Company, makers of hotel china, in Trenton. Then, returning to Schenectady, Mr. Ballert went into the county clerk's office as assistant naturalization clerk.



Charles H. Phelps and Family

After about five years in that capacity, he came, on November 15, 1931, to the village of Scotia as clerk, and later he became both clerk and treasurer of the village. He continues to serve in these capacities down to the time of writing, and is widely and favorably known in this region of New York State.

Politically Mr. Ballert is a Republican. He is a member and treasurer of the Scotia Rotary Club; treasurer of the Guan-Ho-Ha Fish and Game Club; a member of the State Association of City and Village Clerks, the Schenectady County Republican Club, the Scotia Athletic Club and the Scotia Chamber of Commerce; and a leading worker in Christopher Yates Lodge, No. 971, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also active in St. George's Chapter, No. 157, Royal Arch Masons, and in the National League of Masonic Clubs. He is a member of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church. He is very fond of the out-of-doors, particularly enjoying hunting, fishing and golf.

Raymond J. Ballert married, June 30, 1914, Gertrude Komp, daughter of William and Margaret (Endries) Komp, of Schenectady. The Ballerts have one son, Raymond Marvin Ballert, born April 11, 1927.

CHARLES H. PHELPS—Engaged in the builders' supply business in Cairo, Charles H. Phelps has come to be recognized as an important figure in the lumber trade, into which he seems "born," as it were, both his father and grandfather having been active in this industry.

Mr. Phelps was born October 4, 1887, at Maple Crest, New York, son of John H. and Emma Grace (Seeley) Phelps, of Maple Crest and Athens, respectively, both now deceased. His grandfather on the paternal side of his house was William H. Phelps, also of Maple Crest.

District schools of the town of Windham furnished Charles H. Phelps's early formal education. Until he was twenty years of age he spent his time working in and near Maple Crest, but in 1907 he removed to the town of Cairo and established his own business. Throughout the whole of this period he was engaged in converting the raw lumber into finished form. About 1915 he determined to enter the retail branch of the trade, opening an establishment in the village for this purpose. The thorough knowledge of the business, which he at all times reveals, practically assured Mr. Phelps's success from the beginning. The business has grown steadily under his guidance, until today Mr. Phelps has not only the main plant at Cairo, but yards in both Catskill and Windham. He handles every type of product used in building any type of house, hotel or business structure in this region, and keeps a fleet of four trucks to insure constant quick delivery of builders' supplies of every description. He employs five men steadily and many others in rush seasons. He has no desire to occupy a position in the limelight of public attention, though his influence in his community has been constructive and helpful and in his own way he has done much for Cairo's improvement.

Aside from his own work in the lumber and building supply business, Mr. Phelps has interested himself in banking affairs as a director of the Cairo National Bank, and is a Republican in politics. He is a trustee of the Free Methodist Church.

On January 30, 1907, Charles H. Phelps married Inez May Mallory, of Jewett, daughter of Cyrus Mallory. One daughter, Arbreta Phelps, born of this marriage was graduated from Cairo schools and from the Anderson School, at Stottsburg. She has taken a course in practical nursing at the National Training School for Nurses, at Albany, and is unmarried.

CORA ELIZABETH SOLOGUB—A resident of Copake and owner and manager of the Copake Inn, in this place, Cora Elizabeth Sologub is a leader in the life of her community. The inn has entertained many outstanding citizens, including some of the leading statesmen of our time.

Mrs. Sologub was born at West Copake, New York, daughter of Charles H. Boice and his wife, Eudora C. (Miller) Boice. C. H. Boice, her father, was a teacher for thirty years in the district schools of Columbia County until, at his retirement, he became a substantial farmer in Copake.

Columbia County public schools provided Cora Elizabeth Sologub's early formal education, and she taught for four years in the Copake schools. She bought the Copake Inn here in 1918, and has actively directed its operation down to the time of writing. She is an interested leader in civic affairs in this community.

Mrs. Sologub is a member of the Methodist Church. She has made a deep study of the historic background of the Copake Valley, and is widely known and respected in this area.

On July 4, 1899, she and Bartholomew Sologub were married. He was born in 1867 in Russia, son of Bartholomew F. and Catherine (Chucos) Sologub, both native Russians. The children of this marriage were: 1. Louis Bartholomew Sologub, a leading real estate broker in Copake. 2. Ruby L. Sologub, wife of Henry Race, assistant manager of the Copake Inn.

J. HARRY COX—Long associated with The Tilden Company, manufacturers of pharmaceutical products, J. Harry Cox has served for many years as this company's president and treasurer, and is at the same time one of New Lebanon's most active citizens.

Mr. Cox was born November 3, 1861, in New York City, son of William Henry and Maria (Egler) Cox. His father, who died in 1917, was an inspector in the New York City Fire Department, and also had military service in the infantry forces of the Union during the Civil War, serving from 1861 to 1865. The mother, a native of Germany, died in 1873.

J. Harry Cox received his early education in the public schools, and in 1878 he was graduated from City College, New York. He began his business career as clerk with J. S. Lowrey & Company, Nos. 85-87 Mercer Street, New York City. He was still a young man when he received an offer to go up-State in New York to the town of New Lebanon as a general utility office assistant in the old established firm of Tilden. This firm, The Tilden Company, is the oldest manufacturing pharmaceutical house in America which has been carried on by one family and its descendants continuously from its inception in 1824. It was founded by Elam Tilden, the father of Samuel J. Tilden, the great reform Governor of New York. Upon receiving the offer to come to New Lebanon, Mr. Cox's first idea was that he would accept the post here because it would take him out of the city during the hot summer months of June, July and August, and that he would return to New York in the autumn. Events altered his plan, however, for he found New Lebanon and his situation with Tilden & Company so satisfactory that, from 1880, when he first came here, he has made this community his home. He has performed much valuable work in the course of his six decades with this organization, and has served the company in many capacities, including those of president and treasurer, the positions that he now holds and has held for a number of years. Since 1893 The Tilden Company has maintained in St. Louis, Missouri, a large branch house at Nos. 3318 to 3332 Chouteau Avenue.

This company's diversified line of products, all for the pharmaceutical trade, brings it into prominence nationally. Mr. Cox's management of the enterprise has been in line with wise policies, and the company is widely known in drug circles. Mr. Cox himself has taken part extensively in the life of his community, quite aside from adding to its prosperity through directing the operation of one of its largest industries. He is a member of the board of governors of the Hunt Club, and holds memberships in the Park Club of Pittsfield, the Pittsfield Country Club, the Free and Accepted Masons and numberless other social and civic groups. He is active in the Protestant Episcopal Church, in which he was for many years senior warden of his parish.

J. Harry Cox married Rachel Z. Wallace, of Columbia County, New York. They became the parents of two sons: 1. Henry Wallace Cox, now deceased, who was a graduate of Cornell. 2. W. Gordon Cox, attended Williams College; now associated with his father as secretary and general manager of The Tilden Company, in New Lebanon.

FRED HOLSAPPLE—As owner and proprietor of the Taconic Inn, at Copake Falls, Fred Holsapple has made a notable contribution to the life of his times, retaining the original character of the low, rambling, old-world type of structure and at the same time adding to it and improving it to meet present-day needs. He is recognized as an outstanding figure in the Copake Falls district.

Mr. Holsapple was born November 29, 1870, in Gallatinville, now known as Gallatin, New York, son of Norton and Maryette (Sweet) Holsapple, both of Columbia County and both now deceased. His father, for many years engaged in farming operations, became proprietor of Holsapple House, in Copake, in 1876.

Public schools of this county provided Fred Holsapple's early formal education, and in 1889 he was graduated from the Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie. Entering into a partnership with his brother, Willard Holsapple, he was engaged in the hotel business for a time in Copake. In 1897 he became manager of the Charles Curner Stock Farm, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. In 1899 Mr. Holsapple removed to Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, where he served as manager and trainer of blooded race horses for C. H. Beech. After a year and a half in that work, Mr. Holsapple again went into the hotel business, this time becoming proprietor of a hotel in Millerton, New York. He sold the establishment after a time and removed to Copake Falls, where he bought the Taconic Inn from Lot Cook. This famous old inn is two centuries old. Lot Cook bought it in 1874 from John Decker, who purchased it, in turn, in 1839, from a man named Scott, whose first name is not on record. Mr. Scott was born at the inn, and inherited it from his father. Mr. Holsapple has added two wings to the original building, though he has left the main portion of the old inn intact. The original low, rambling structure, with its fine wall paneling, has about it an atmosphere of an earlier day, and many individuals find real relaxation and rest in visiting the Taconic Inn, in Copake Falls.

The owner of this inn has interested himself extensively in community affairs. He has been a supervisor of Copake since 1927. A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Holsapple is a member of his party's State committee. He is a member of the Copake Falls Volunteer Fire Company, the Village Improvement Association of Copake Falls, and the Farm Bureau. Mr. Holsapple has been for years interested in breeding and training harness racing horses. He has owned and raced several fine horses, among them "Invader" and "Tippie Volo." "Tippie Volo" ran four-

James J. Higgins

teen races and was never beaten. "Invader" took second money in the Hambletonian stakes. Mr. Holsapple is also active as a fraternalist, belonging to the Grange, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Order of Eastern Star. He is a member of the Methodist Church. He is recognized as one of Copake Falls' most influential citizens, and is known throughout Columbia County and this district of New York State.

In 1896, in Copake, New York, Fred Holsapple married Catherine Rogers, a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Grange, daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Vosburgh) Rogers. They became the parents of one son, Charles Clayton Holsapple, who was born in 1898 and died in 1901.

RAYMOND BURCH—Since he began his active career, Raymond Burch has devoted himself to the hotel and resort business. He has successively operated several enterprises of this kind in Columbia County and is now sole owner of the thriving "Wagon Shop," which is located in Copake.

Mr. Burch is a member of an old and well-known Columbia County family which is allied by marriage to the Dinehart and other pioneer families of this section. He was born at Boston Corners on November 11, 1900, son of the late Bernard Burch and Margaret (Burns) Burch. His father was postmaster of Boston Corners for twenty years and a farmer there, operating the 250-acre farm inherited from his father.

Raymond Burch was educated in the public schools of Columbia and Dutchess counties, completing the high school course. After leaving school he became manager of Woodnutt Inn, owned by Howard Woodnutt of Boston Corners, and his success in its operation encouraged him to continue his activities in the hotel business. In 1933 he rented the Flying Horse Inn at Copake, which he conducted for two years, and in 1935 he opened his present inn, the "Wagon Shop," of which he has since been sole owner. This hotel is one of the most popular in the Columbia County area.

Mr. Burch, who is widely known as a business man, has also participated in all civic affairs at Copake and has manifested a keen interest in the county's development. He is affiliated with the local Grange, is a member of the Volunteer Fire Company of Copake and president of the Rod and Gun Club. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

JAMES J. HIGGINS—As chief of the Fire Department of Schenectady, James J. Higgins has performed an important and valuable work, and at the same time he has interested himself in an ever-widening variety of civic problems and activities. He is connected with many local organizations, among them the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital, of which he is a director.

Mr. Higgins was born August 20, 1887, in Schenectady, New York, son of John J. and Mary Elizabeth (Mulvey) Higgins. His father, born in Philadelphia, and died in March, 1910, was for many years associated with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. The mother, born in Scotland, died in January, 1940.

Schools of Schenectady provided James J. Higgins' early formal education, and in boyhood he began learning the iron founder's trade. He followed that work until March 27, 1908, when he joined the Schenectady Fire Department. He has, since that time, held many positions with the department, and has earned wide admiration and respect for his capable handling of his activities as firefighter. On January 1, 1923, Mr. Higgins was appointed lieutenant. Afterward he became captain on January 1, 1926; fire marshal on April 1, 1930; deputy chief, January 1, 1937; and acting chief, September 1, 1937. It was on December 1, 1937, that Mr. Higgins was elevated to the full rank of chief of the Schenectady Fire Department. He is also active in organized groups, belonging to the New York State Fire Chiefs' Association, the Eastern Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the New York State Fire Fighters' Association and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

In many other capacities Mr. Higgins has effectively served the people of Schenectady and of the Capital Region. He is a Republican in politics. He takes a lively interest, as already indicated, in the work of the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital, of which he was elected a director in 1940. During the first World War, Mr. Higgins served his country from October 6, 1917, to May 29, 1919, remaining in this country throughout that period and being honorably discharged as quartermaster sergeant. He was deputy chief of the fire department at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, during his service there. Mr. Higgins is now a member of Schenectady Post, No. 21, of the American Legion, and also belongs to Voiture No. 758 of the "40 and 8." He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady, Lodge No. 480, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Columbus. He also is active in St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church. In leisure time Mr. Higgins enjoys fishing and all kinds of healthful outdoor life.

James J. Higgins married, February 22, 1919, Helen Elizabeth Wilson, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Michael C. and Bridget (Murphy) Wilson. The following were their children: 1. John J. Higgins, born in March, 1922. 2. James W. Higgins, born in 1924, now deceased. 3. Helen Marie Higgins, born in September, 1929. 4. Paul T. Higgins, born in February, 1934.

CARRIE BELLE SNYDER LANGDON—A descendant of two of Columbia County's well-known families, Mrs. Carrie Belle (Snyder) Langdon has continued the traditions of substantial citizenship and civic leadership long associated with their names.

Born at Red Hook, New York, she is a daughter of Aaron and Charity Ann (Dinehart) Snyder and a descendant in the paternal line of Dederick Snyder. On her mother's side she traces her ancestry to William Dinehart, a Netherlander, who was one of five passengers invited for a week-end excursion on a Dutch vessel in 1753 while living in Holland. Music, dancing and refreshments made it a merry party and soon these five men were oblivious to their surroundings. When they became sober they found they were bound for New York. Lacking money for their passage, they were apprenticed upon their arrival, according to the custom of the time, and for four and a half years were bound out to the Lord of Livingston Manor. At the expiration of their term of service, Livingston offered them farms, which they accepted. William Dinehart settled near Copake Lake, where his descendants have since resided.

Mrs. Langdon passed her girlhood years at Copake, receiving her education in local public schools, and has continued to make her home here since her marriage. Her father's large farm, started many years ago, has remained in the family, passing to her son and grandson, who now operate it. Mrs. Langdon has been very active in all community affairs and is a recognized leader in her church, the First Dutch Reformed Church of West Copake. She has been a member and officer of most of the local civic clubs, is a charter member of Copake Grange and a member of Cullen Chapter, No. 365, Order of the Eastern Star. During the World War, she served on various relief and war work committees of the period.

She was married on September 11, 1888, to Grant Darius Langdon, of Copake, who died on August 28, 1937. He was town clerk of Copake for thirty-five years, and owned and operated until his death the general store which he inherited from his father. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon became the parents of one son, Adrian Dinehart Langdon (*q. v.*), born at Copake on August 19, 1890.

HENRY CHARLES STARK—In 1932 Henry Charles Stark became a resident of Copake and has since been actively identified with the life of this community and Columbia County. A photographer by vocation, he operates a shop and studio at Copake and has acquired important property holdings in this area, as well as other business interests. At the present time he also serves as constable of the town.

Mr. Stark was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 2, 1892, son of Henry Charles and Mary (Gorman) Stark. His father, a master mariner and ship's captain, followed the sea for over fifty years and was lost when his vessel failed to weather a storm.

Henry Charles Stark was educated in New York City, attending St. Joseph's Ursaline Academy and Manhattan College, from which he was graduated. Adopting photography as a profession, he purchased in 1913 a photographic studio in New York City and operated it until 1932, except during the World War period when he served as warrant officer and photographer in the United States Navy until disabled in the line of duty. In 1932 he came to Copake, where he operates a photographic studio. Believing thoroughly in the future of this area, he has also invested in local real estate properties and today owns a tract of land on Copake Lake and Lake Taconic, as well as some mountain properties. In 1938 he was elected constable of Copake and in 1940 was re-elected to this office, whose responsibilities he has met with zeal and efficiency. As a result of his constant watchfulness and close supervision, all undesirable elements have been excluded from the town, and the manner in which he has performed his public duties have brought him additional claims upon the respect and regard of its people.

Mr. Stark is affiliated with American Legion Post No. 1160, of which he is finance officer. Although he has been a resident of Columbia County for only eight years, he has thoroughly immersed himself in its history and traditions and is one of its most loyal citizens.

FLOYD C. BARTON—As a leading merchant and dairy farmer of the Ancramdale section, Floyd C. Barton continues the traditional association of the family name with the life of Columbia County.

He was born at Ancramdale on November 25, 1880, son of Fred Curtis and Elizabeth (Hoysradt) Barton. With his brother, W. Fred Barton (*q. v.*), they operate large and modern dairy farms in Ancramdale; he represents in the present generation one of Columbia County's oldest families.

After a public school education obtained in the county schools, Floyd C. Barton attended Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and then entered his father's store at Ancramdale. This general mercantile business, operated as a partnership by Fred Curtis Barton and his brother-in-law, Lewis M. Hoysradt, is still continued under the name of Barton & Hoysradt by Floyd C. and W. Fred Barton, who took over the partnership in 1913. Floyd C. Barton is senior partner. With his brother, he has enlarged and expanded both the premises and the scope of the trade so that today the business is one of the most modern and complete stores of its kind in the country. One of the most recent additions to the mer-

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chandise handled is a full line of building supplies. The Barton brothers also operate their own fine dairy farm with large milk production. His business interests and capacity for civic leadership have made him one of the most respected and influential figures in this district.

Mr. Barton is a trustee and treasurer of the Ancramdale Presbyterian Church. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Order.

On January 23, 1907, at Copake Falls, Floyd C. Barton married Mabel Keating, daughter of Thomas B. and Cora (Pulver) Keating. They are the parents of two children: Marjorie Keating Barton, born at Copake Falls. on January 14, 1912; and Kenneth Lewis Barton, born on February 21, 1916, at present clerking in his father's store preparatory to entering the partnership.

W. FRED BARTON—Since 1913, W. Fred Barton has been a partner in the old established firm of Barton & Hoysradt, general merchants at Ancramdale. His contacts with the life of Columbia County are varied, however, embracing in addition to his mercantile connections, dairy interests and extended public service, notably as postmaster of Ancramdale during the past quarter of a century.

Mr. Barton was born in this community on June 29, 1885, son of Fred Curtis and Elizabeth (Hoysradt) Barton and a descendant of the county's early settlers. His father, a farmer and merchant, was a partner in Barton & Hoysradt during the earlier years of the firm's history.

W. Fred Barton was educated in the county public schools, at Pine Plains High School, and Poughkeepsie High School. After the completion of his education he entered the store of Barton & Hoysradt, founded in 1871 by his father and uncle, Lewis M. Hoysradt, and successfully conducted by them for many years. In 1913 W. Fred Barton became junior partner in this enterprise and his brother, Floyd C. Barton (*q. v.*) became senior partner. Both young men had been thoroughly trained for the eventual management of this business and became its sole owners in 1913. It is continued by them today under the original firm name with many modern improvements which have enabled the firm to meet the expanding needs of the community and surrounding countryside while maintaining the traditional standards of the business.

Mr. Barton also operates one of the important dairy arms of the Ancramdale section and has been an influential civic leader here for many years. His appointment as postmaster of Ancramdale was originally dated January 11, 1915, during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. As postmaster he has efficiently met he responsibilities of his office and continues to hold the ppointment today, serving under an indefinite term.

Mr. Barton is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He bears one of the county's oldest and most respected names, and his own interest in the county's traditions, present welfare and future possibilities is profound. Mr. Barton is unmarried.

DAVID W. BRENENSTUHL—Through his farming and mercantile interests as well as his activity in public life, David W. Brenenstuhl has risen to an important position in the life of Rensselaer County. He is now serving as supervisor of the town of Petersburg.

Mr. Brenenstuhl was born in Petersburg, Rensselaer County, on April 4, 1893, son of William and Florence N. (Wilcox) Brenenstuhl. His father, who was born at Pittstown and died in 1939, was a leading farmer here for many years and was active in town affairs. The mother, born in Rensselaer County, died in 1912.

David W. Brenenstuhl was educated in the Rensselaer County public schools and as a young man worked on his father's 463-acre farm until 1926. At the end of this time he went into business for himself, establishing a general store at North Petersburg. This business has since grown to large proportions. Mr. Brenenstuhl continues its operation and since his father's death in 1939 has also taken over the active management of the home farm. Meanwhile, he has risen to prominence in public life. Mr. Brenenstuhl has served as inspector of elections and since 1932, when he succeeded Harry Green, he has been supervisor of the town of Petersburg and member of the County Board of Supervisors. This distinction reflects his standing in his town and has led to broader opportunities for county-wide service. He is now chairman of the highway committee and member of the finance committee of Rensselaer County and is considered one of the most influential and effective members of the County Board of Supervisors.

During the World War, Mr. Brenenstuhl enlisted and served in the United States Navy on the battleship "Utah." He is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the American Legion and is an attendant and trustee of the North Petersburg Methodist Church, on whose official board he also serves.

On October 27, 1926, David W. Brenenstuhl married Beatrice Haswell, of Hoosick, a daughter of Robert A. and Elva (Gardner) Haswell, farming people of Hoosick, and descendants of early settlers of Rensselaer County. They are the parents of one child, Elva G., born April 10, 1930. Mrs. Brenenstuhl's ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War.

ALLEN E. PHELPS—Operating a dairy farm in New Lebanon, Allen E. Phelps is one of the best known members of his own community and is widely known and active in Columbia County, notably through his work as chairman of the County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Phelps was born in Stephentown, New York, son of Nathan E. and Alice E. (Moffitt) Phelps. His father, an agriculturist, carried on his work until his death in 1919. The mother was born in 1861.

Schools of Lebanon provided Allen E. Phelps' early formal education, and, on leaving school, he became active in farming in New Lebanon. Here he still owns and operates a successful dairy farm. Since 1931 he has been county supervisor, and since 1936 chairman of the board of supervisors of Columbia County. He is also the New Lebanon town auditor. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Phelps belongs to Lodge No. 9 and to the Royal Arch Chapter. He is a trustee and deacon of the First Baptist Church.

In 1905 Allen E. Phelps married Bessie Ostrander. They became the parents of three children: Marjorie, Allen, Jr., and Mercedes Phelps.

DAVID E. HUNN, D. M. D.—A comparatively recent addition to the professional coterie of Troy, New York, David E. Hunn, D. M. D., has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in the city for the past half dozen years. He is a native of Watervliet, this State, born April 29, 1908, son of Herbert and Harriett Ann (Lacy) Hunn.

The father of Dr. Hunn was born in Fairport, New York, and moved to Troy at the turn of the century. Since 1912 he has been the superintendent of the Troy Orphanage. The family lineage goes back to Colonial times, and by reason of notable Continental ancestry, Dr. Hunn is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. His education was acquired in the Troy grammar and high schools; he was a graduate of the latter in 1925. He entered Hamilton College, New York, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1929. For his technical training he attended the Harvard Dental College, Boston, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1933, a Doctor of Dental Medicine. For some time he was an interne in the Presbyterian Hospital, an affiliate of Columbia University, New York City.

Since 1934, Dr. Hunn has been an increasingly well known practitioner of dentistry in Troy, New York. He is a member of the Third District Dental Society. His college and professional fraternities include Psi Upsilon and the Omicron Kappa Upsilon. An active figure in the Rotary Club, he is a member of its Students' Loan Committee.

At Troy, New York, on April 10, 1939, David E. Hunn, D. M. D., married Janet L. Walker, daughter of Mrs. Lulu A. Walker.

WENTWORTH H. BARNES—In 1940 Wentworth H. Barnes was elected president of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association, a popular recognition of his prominence in the field of pharmacy as head of one of the longest established drug companies in the United States—Knowlsons, Inc., of Troy, New York.

Mr. Barnes was born in Troy, New York, May 1, 1904, son of J. Warren Barnes, Jr., and Ruth (Goss) Barnes. His father was a native of Vermont, who died in 1935. He had been a partner of the late A. M. Knowlson for many years in the firm named above, while it was known as the A. M. Knowlson & Company. An exemplary citizen, he had been active in civic affairs and many phases of community life.

Wentworth H. Barnes prepared for higher education in the public grammar and high schools of his birth city, being graduated from high school in 1921. Thereafter he was a student in Union College, Schenectady, Cornell University, Ithaca, and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, receiving from the latter named institution the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927, and Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1928. From 1928 to 1931, Mr. Barnes was sales manager for the J. L. Thompson Sons & Company, in Troy, before resigning to go with Knowlson, Inc. This concern was founded in 1836 and is the outstanding drug establishment in Troy. As president and treasurer of the corporation he has been very much to the fore in its progress and reputation. As is well known, the drug business is no longer confined to the purchase and distribution of things than are found in the pharmacopoeia; it is merchandising of a most varied sort that requires strong leadership and commercial acumen. Wentworth H. Barnes is well recognized as an able executive of noteworthy background of education and experience, fortunate in the possession of an abundant vitality and personality which has carried him far in his enterprises and in civic and social activities. He is a member of the Sigma Phi college fraternity and attends the Presbyterian Church.

At Troy, New York, December 27, 1928, Wentworth H. Barnes married Hulda Finch, of Toledo, Ohio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Finch. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are the parents of a son, Wentworth H., Jr., born in 1933, at Troy.

LAWRENCE J. EHRHARDT—A man of many attainments, both in private business and in public life, Lawrence J. Ehrhardt has served since 1924 as city controller of Albany.

Mr. Ehrhardt was born October 26, 1890, in Albany, New York, son of Charles Paul and Anna Mary (Hallenbach) Ehrhardt. His father, now deceased, was for many

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years associated with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, and was a resident of Albany and a staunch Democrat. The mother was born in Albany, New York.

Schools of Albany provided Lawrence J. Ehrhardt's early formal education, and after graduation from Albany High School he became a student with the American Institute of Banking, taking special courses. He is now a life member of the institute, affiliated with the Albany chapter. In 1904 Mr. Ehrhardt was employed by the Albany Trust Company, so continuing until 1918 and holding different positions up to those of bookkeeper, relief teller and assistant to the trust officer. From 1919 to 1922 he served the National City Bank, of Troy. Then, in March, 1922, he was appointed deputy city controller of Albany, afterward being duly elected as city controller and so serving since January 1, 1924, down to the time of writing.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Ehrhardt is a member of the Board of Contract and Supply, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Planning Board of Albany. He is also custodian of the Sinking Fund and the Pension Fund in this city. In his political views he is a staunch Democrat. He belongs to different party organizations and is a member of the Albany County committee of his party. He is active, too, in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Fawn Bowling League, the Garden Club, and other local groups, and in spare time is fond of bowling and outdoor sports, as well as gardening, which is one of his favorite hobbies. During the World War, Mr. Ehrhardt was in the United States Army, stationed at Camp Meade and later at Camp Gordon, where he was a member of a machine gun company, and the Officers' Training School. Today Mr. Ehrhardt belongs to Fort Orange Post, No. 40, of the American Legion, in which he has been a member since 1920. He belongs also to St. Vincent de Paul Church, in Albany.

Lawrence J. Ehrhardt married, July 20, 1925, in Albany, New York, Regina O'Connor, of this city, daughter of William P. and Elizabeth (Werner) O'Connor, both born here. William P. O'Connor, who was for many years a printer, is now deceased. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Elizabeth Ann, born August 16, 1927, in Albany. 2. Lawrence, born here October 17, 1934.

THOMAS OWEN GAMBLE, M. D.—Since 1921, Dr. Thomas Owen Gamble has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Albany. He is a specialist in obstetrics, limiting his work entirely to this field, and is active in many institutional connections in the Capital Region.

Dr. Gamble was born at Jasper, Alabama, on October 11, 1890, son of Franklin Asbury and Mary (Owen) Gamble. His father, who was born in Coffee County, Alabama, and who died in 1895, was a banker and coal mine operator in Walker County. His mother, who was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 1847, died in February, 1920.

Thomas Owen Gamble was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and at the University of Alabama, from which he was graduated in 1912, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Subsequently, he entered Johns Hopkins Medical College to prepare for his professional career and in 1917 received from that institution the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following two years he was house officer in obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University Hospital and at the same time served as instructor in obstetrics in the medical school, an appointment he retained until 1921. In 1919-20, he was resident in obstetrics and gynecology at New Haven Hospital, in New Haven, Connecticut, where he also acted as instructor in obstetrics at Yale Medical School, and in 1920-21, was resident in obstetrics at Johns Hopkins. At the end of this time he established his Albany practice. Dr. Gamble is widely known in obstetrics and in addition to the duties of his own practice is chief obstetrician of Albany Hospital and consulting obstetrician to Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge and Greene County Memorial Hospital in Catskill. He was elected president of the Albany County Medical Society in 1941, a distinction reflecting his professional standing, and is a member of the American Medical Association and the New York State Medical Association. He has been a member of the faculty of Albany Medical College since 1921, serving as instructor for ten years, as clinical professor from 1931 to 1938 and as professor of obstetrics since 1938 and is also a charter member of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In addition to these professional connections, he is affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Phi Chi medical fraternity, the Aescupalian Club, and is a member of the University and Rotary clubs of Albany and the Albany Country Club. Dr. Gamble is a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is a stamp collector and is fond of golf and bowling, which are his principal recreations.

On September 27, 1922, he married Isabel Emory Davidson, of Annapolis, Maryland, daughter of George and Isabel (Emory) Davidson. Dr. and Mrs. Gamble are the parents of three children: Isabel Emory, born August 2, 1924; Thomas Owen, Jr., born June 6, 1927; and Mary Owen, born April 17, 1931.

JOHN J. SHEA—Not the least of the achievements of John J. Shea, of Hoosick Falls, New York, is nearly half of his life spent in the public service of the town. For a quarter of a century he has been head of the local fire department, and since 1915 he has been either village president or mayor. Probably no one citizen has contributed more importantly to the progress of Hoosick Falls and the comfort of its people.

Mr. Shea was born in Hoosick Falls, March 24, 1885, son of Martin A. and Julia (Russell) Shea. His mother was born in Troy, New York. His father, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, was a moulder by trade until his death in 1926. After John J. Shea had attended the parochial schools of his birthplace, he entered the employ of one of the larger mills of Hoosick Falls, and so continued for about fourteen years, working in various capacities. In 1915 he set himself up in business, opening a general variety store which he has operated to the time of this writing.

Even before he had arrived at the age when he could vote, Mr. Shea had begun playing the part of an exemplary citizen, one anxious to promote the best interests of the place he loved. As indicated, he became chief of the fire department twenty-five years ago, and never has been defeated for any office. From 1925 to 1928 he was village president. Then Hoosick Falls adopted its present system of municipal government with John J. Shea in command. He has been mayor since 1928 until his retirement in 1941, and during his régime many of the most valuable of modern improvements have been introduced and established. Fraternally Mr. Shea is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He worships in the Catholic faith, a parishioner of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

At Hoosick Falls, New York, in 1916, John J. Shea married Julia Zita Burns, of this place, daughter of John and Mary (Brazell) Burns.

EARL W. JENKINS—As a young man Earl W. Jenkins began farming for himself and eventually took over the Jenkins homestead farm at Halcott, Greene County, which he has since operated. He is one of the substantial dairy farmers of this region.

Mr. Jenkins was born at Halcott on November 11, 1873, son of Arthur B. and Esther J. (Earl) Jenkins and a grandson of Eli Jenkins, born in Jewett, who established the Jenkins homestead in Halcott about 1850. Arthur B. Jenkins, the father, who is now deceased, and his brother, Eli D. Jenkins, were twins; his wife, Esther J. (Earl) Jenkins, who survives him, has reached her ninetieth year.

Earl W. Jenkins was educated in the Halcott district schools. When he struck out for himself, he farmed for about ten years in Johnson Hollow, then purchased and took over the operation of his present farm from his uncle, Eli D. Jenkins, who had farmed it for over fifty years. He has operated this farm since 1908 and purchased it in 1917. This property has now been in possession of the family for over ninety years. Mr. Jenkins maintains a herd of fifty fine dairy cattle and has all the modern working equipment of a complete dairy farm. On his 285 acres he raises all his own roughage. From 1914 to 1927, in addition to his farming operations, he carried on an extensive feed business in this region as an independent dealer.

Mr. Jenkins has always been very active in local civic affairs. As a Republican he has been elected supervisor and assessor, filling these offices with credit to himself and to the town. He has been president of the Improved Cemetery Association since January, 1920, and is active in the local Grange, of which he has been treasurer.

On March 24, 1892, Mr. Jenkins married Elnora Kelly, of Halcott, a daughter of Chauncey and Celia (Winchell) Kelly. They became the parents of three children: 1. Georgianna, who married Arthur Gordon. 2. Dorothy, who died at the age of fourteen years. 3. Ward B., a graduate of local schools, now operating a fine farm in Halcott. He married Vera Faulkner, of Halcott, and has two daughters: Ruth and Rebecca Mae.

JOHN B. GARRETT; JANE S. GARRETT—The name Garrett has both historical and present-day significance in the commercial life of Troy, New York. The late John B. Garrett was the founder of a pioneer firm dealing in X-ray equipment; his wife, Jane Sammon Garrett, has been president of the organization for a number of years. How truly Mr. Garrett was a pioneer in his enterprise is realized when it is recalled that it was only forty-five years ago that Roentgen discovered these rays; that little practical interest was taken in this discovery in the United States for some years, and it was not until the World War period, and after, that the major improvements were made in X-ray devices and methods of use. John B. Garrett began his connection with Roentgen ray apparatus and equipment in 1908.

Mr. Garrett was born in Philomont, Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1882, son of Samuel Enoch and Virginia (Batson) Garrett. His mother was born in West Virginia. His father, a native Virginian of English ancestry, was a planter. After completing his academic education in Virginia schools, John B. Garrett entered the School of Pharmacy, at Newport News, Virginia. During this time he managed to get into the Spanish-American War, although only a boy in age.

After being employed in his profession for several years, Mr. Garrett came to Troy, New York, where in 1908 he carried out an idea he long had been considering, the establishment of a concern to furnish equipment and supplies for the medical arts. While this was his general purpose,

Elnora Jenkins
Earl W Jenkins

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Marshall Bouton

his faith in the development and use of X-ray apparatus determined him to specialize along this line. He was eminently successful, and this Troy house won an outstanding reputation with the medical fraternity. Down through the years he enlarged the scope of his business, until it was distributing a large variety of instruments, appliances, hospital and doctor's equipment and apparatus of many kinds.

With civic, philanthropic and social affairs Mr. Garrett was actively identified. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Richmond, Virginia, and was a member of the Troy Club. Generous in his support of humanitarian organizations, he likewise was to the fore in the help of individuals less fortunate than himself. Upon his death on October 9, 1932, people in all walks of life paid last tributes to his character and personality. There was a host of folk proud to call him their friend.

In Albany, New York, on November 24, 1925, John B Garrett married Jane Sammon, daughter of Michael J. and Nora (Lawler) Sammon, members of old Albany families. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett became the parents of a son, John B. Garrett, Jr., born in Albany in 1927.

Mrs. Garrett is a native of Albany and educated in the city's parochial schools, and is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy. She found it possible to create a home and rear a son while at the same time becoming thoroughly familiar with her husband's enterprises. After his passing, she took over the leadership of the company and has proven herself a most able executive. She has the distinction of being one of the only three women in the United States to be members of the American Surgical Trade Association, conducting their own businesses. So active a woman has not had the time to engage in many social and municipal activities, but she is an officer in the Catholic Women's Service League of Albany; a member of the Troy Retail Merchants' Association, and is a devout member of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Catholic, of Albany.

FRANK J. RYAN—A native of Troy, New York, and for the most of his life a resident of the city, Frank J. Ryan is one of the leaders in the progressive group of business men who are contributing importantly to its progress and prosperity and betterment. He is active in movements and organizations that make for civic benefit.

Born in Troy, he was educated in St. Joseph's parochial school in the South End, prior to setting about making a livelihood. His first employment of note was with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, in a clerical capacity, at the Colonie Shops, in the office of the superintendent in charge. Here he remained from 1916 to 1921, in the latter year establishing a grocery and confectionery store of which he was the proprietor for a number of years. Since 1937 Mr. Ryan has been the head of the American Rockwood Insulation & Paint Company, which he organized at that time. Within three years the growth of the business required much larger quarters, and in 1940 he purchased the present three-story building at No. 46 Fourth Street, Troy. Quoting an August 4, 1940, newspaper article:

"In his present business venture Mr. Ryan has supervised many improvements to some of the most prominent buildings in this locality in recent years. Among the structures the Ryan concern has improved in the past three years are the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany; the College of St. Rose, Albany; Notre Dame Hall, Troy; Crooked Lake Hotel, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Catskill and many other such buildings.

"In addition the firm has also cared for improvements to approximately seven hundred residents of the locality in the same period."

Quite naturally, Mr. Ryan is an optimist in his view of the future of the Troy-Watervliet section of New York State, a hopeful attitude which he expresses on all suitable occasions, and one based on a knowledge gained by experience and a keen study of his affairs. He is a popular figure in the Troy Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Troy Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Troy Council of the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association. Many will recall his athletic prowess as a former member of the St. Joseph's Club, especially in connection with its baseball and basketball teams. He belongs to St. Paul the Apostle's Church, and is affiliated with the Holy Name Society of that parish.

Frank J. Ryan married, at Troy, Jane F. Foley, of that city, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Frank J., Jr. 2. J. Paul. 3. Robert L. 4. Vincent W. 5. Jane T.

MARSHALL BOUTON—Since his boyhood days, spent on a Greene County farm at Halcott, Marshall Bouton has devoted himself to farming pursuits. He is today one of the large dairymen of the town of Halcott and one of its best known residents.

Mr. Bouton was born at Halcott on December 19, 1882, son of Roswell and Elizabeth (Fuller) Bouton. His father, who died in 1927, was also a farmer here and for some years served as superintendent of highways of the town. His mother, born at Vega, Delaware County, has now reached her eighty-fifth year.

Marshall Bouton was educated in the Halcott district schools and continued on the home farm, where he has now resided for fifty-two years. This property consists of four hundred acres. Dairying is the main source of income, and the farm supports a herd of eighty cows, mostly graded, with some fine pure-bred Holsteins and Guernseys. Mr. Bouton also has a maple bush of about two thousand trees. He operates a sawmill all over the mountains and for several years has acted as local agent for the Lowell Fertilizer Company of Boston.

In addition to his private interests, Mr. Bouton has always participated in the town's public affairs and on several occasions has filled public office. In this connection he has served as supervisor of the town and as trustee of the school district and as town clerk for over ten years. He was a charter member of the local Grange and is a member of the board of directors of the Grange Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Bouton is a Democrat in politics and attends the Methodist Church.

In 1912 he married Ella C. Slauson, daughter of Orrin and Melissa (Craft) Slauson, of Vega. Mr. and Mrs. Bouton are the parents of two sons: Carson and Donald, both graduates of the local public schools, attended Fleischmann's High School and State Agricultural School at Delhi and both now associated with their father on the farm. They are members of Halcott Grange. Both have been members of the 4-H Club for over ten years.

WINTHROP PARSONS STEVENS—As executive vice-president of the National Savings Bank of the city of Albany, Winthrop Parsons Stevens continues the tradition of a family active in Albany banking circles for many years. He came to this office after previous general experience in business and more than a decade of service on the board of trustees of the institution.

Mr. Stevens was born in Albany on January 30, 1898, son of Clarence Winthrop and Anna Louise (Van Antwerp) Stevens. His father, for fifty-five years, has served the Mechanics & Farmers Bank of Albany, where he is at present vice-president, and until 1940 was president of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in this city. His mother is now deceased.

Winthrop Parsons Stevens received his preparatory education in The Albany Academy, from which he was graduated in 1916, and subsequently entered Yale University, where he completed the academic course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. In 1921 he was also graduated from Lowell Textile School and on June first of that year entered the service of F. C. Huyck & Sons, with whom he remained until November 15, 1938, as personnel director and superintendent of production. On November 16, 1938, he became executive vice-president of the National Savings Bank of the city of Albany and has since devoted himself to the affairs of this institution, on whose board of trustees he has served since 1927.

During the first World War, Mr. Stevens was commissioned a reserve military aviator, enlisting on February 8, 1918, and receiving his commission as second lieutenant on October 8, 1918. In the present defense emergency, he is serving as first lieutenant of Company C, New York Guard. He is affiliated fraternally with Masters Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Albany, and with the Beta Theta Pi national fraternity and is a member of the University Club of Albany. Mr. Stevens is also an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany. In politics he is a Republican.

On December 1, 1923, at Springfield, Massachusetts, he married Doris Jessica Sturgis, daughter of the late Herbert Sturgis and Harriet H. Sturgis. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are the parents of three children: Winthrop Parsons, Jr., born December 11, 1926; Shirley Ann, born July 20, 1929; and Joyce Sturgis, born October 12, 1939.

HENRY M. STUHLMAN—Henry M. Stuhlman was born May 25, 1899, son of Jacob and Martha (Clark) Stuhlman, both of whom are now deceased. His father was an engineer.

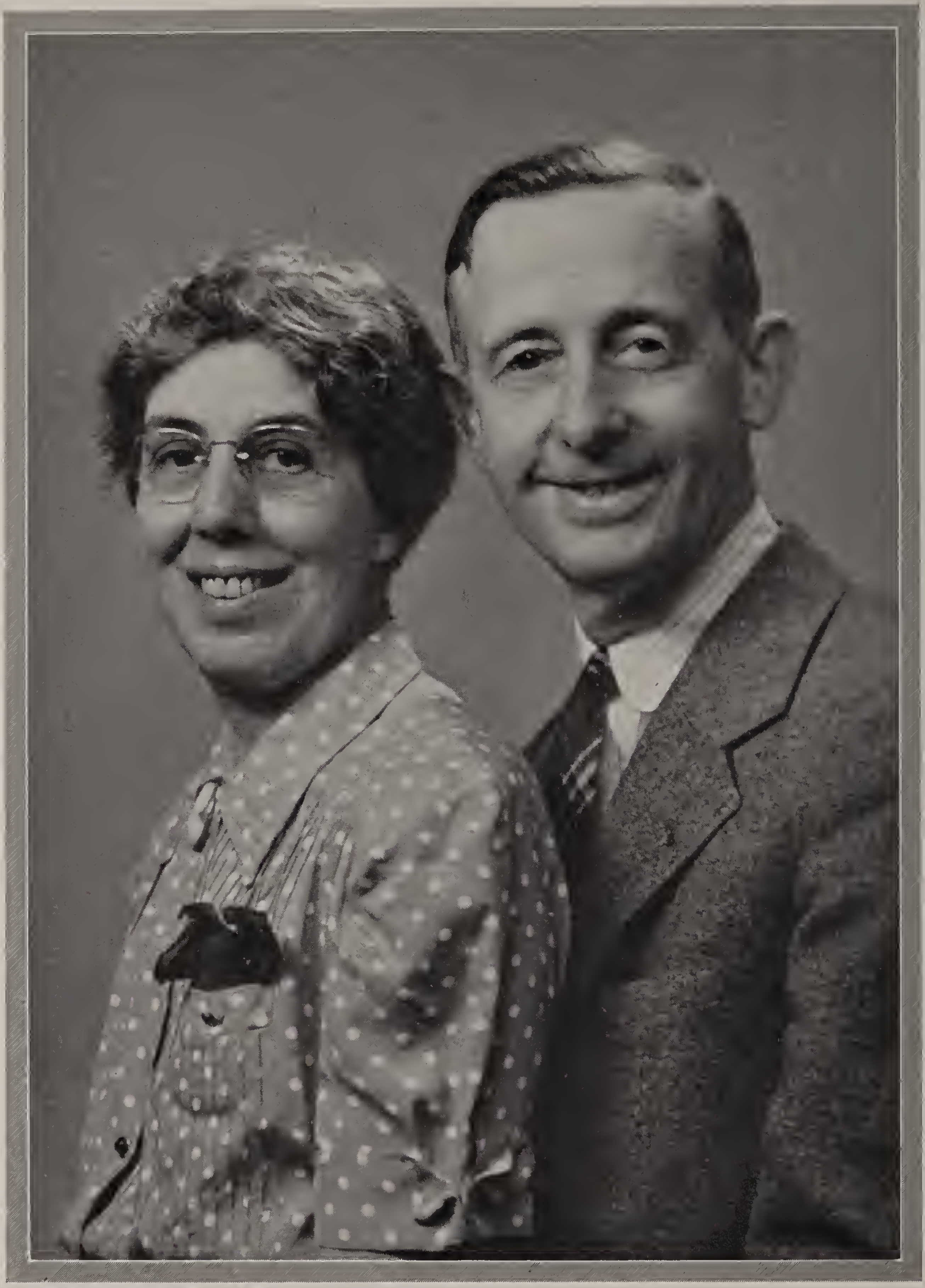
Schools of Fultonville, New York, provided Henry M. Stuhlman's early formal education. He started his employment with Marsh's Department Store, in Hudson, in 1926, and has since remained in their employ. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Stuhlman belongs to the Evans Hook and Ladder Company, No. 3. During the World War he served in the United States Navy, which he entered in 1918, remaining in the Naval Reserve after the close of hostilities, until 1921. He is today a member of the American Legion. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Stuhlman is a Past Master of Hudson Lodge, No. 7; a Past High Priest of Hudson Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; and district deputy of the Second Columbia-Dutchess District of New York State in 1940.

In 1923, Henry M. Stuhlman married Mary Sceurman.

FLOYD J. BRUNK—One of the most active funeral directors of Albany County, Floyd J. Brunk is associated with his father's undertaking business at Voorheesville and also operates his own modern funeral home at Berne. He is a member of one of the old families of this section, tracing his ancestry to Holland, from which country his great-grandfather came.

Mr. Brunk was born at Thompson's Lake on September 7, 1896, son of Frank T. and Ceresa (Colvin) Brunk and a grandson of James Brunk. His father was also born at Thompson's Lake on September 17, 1869. His mother, who died in 1924, was born at Coeymans Hollow.

Floyd J. Brunk was educated in the public schools of Berne and went directly into his father's business, becoming a qualified undertaker and embalmer. He has always



Ethel M Whitcomb E. B. Whitcomb.

continued his association with his father at Voorheesville, but since 1932 he has also had his own business at Berne, a fully equipped and beautifully decorated funeral home located on the Main Street, to which he gives his personal attention. Mr. Brunk, who makes his home in Voorheesville, is well known throughout this section and prominent in both communities. He is a member of the Albany-Rensselaer Funeral Directors' Association and is affiliated fraternally with Berne Lodge, No. 684, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Berne Lodge of the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Voorheesville Presbyterian Church. Mr. Brunk's hobby and favorite recreation is horse racing.

He married, at Voorheesville, on November 20, 1918, Florence Blessing, who was born in the town of New Scotland, daughter of John and Lydia (Relyea) Blessing, both born at Guilderland. Mr. and Mrs. Brunk have one son, Bruce Gordon, born at Voorheesville on February 18, 1924, now attending Voorheesville High School.

JOHN A. PEARTREE—A graduate engineer, John A. Peartree is one of the young executives of an old and widely known Watervliet concern, the Covert Manufacturing Company. He received his degree in Electrical Engineering upon being graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1931. He then became a maintenance engineer with the Trenton Transit Company, of that city in New Jersey, until 1935; was a production engineer of S. L. Allen & Company from 1935 to 1939; and since 1939 has been production manager of the Covert Manufacturing Company. This corporation, founded in 1873 and incorporated in 1900, is one of the leading makers of harness, saddle and equine equipment.

Mr. Peartree was born at Troy, New York, April 26, 1909, son of Edward and Jennie (Jannell) Peartree. His father, a native of Troy, entered the field of transportation with the New York State Railway, the Albany-Troy Division. For two decades afterwards he was general manager of the Trenton (New Jersey) Transit Company.

As already mentioned, John A. Peartree is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, for which institution he was prepared in the grammar and high schools of Trenton, New Jersey. His professional fraternity is the Pi Kappa Phi, and he is a member of the Rensselaer Technical Society and the Society of Industrial Engineers of the United States.

JAMES COVERT COVERT, II—Since his graduation from Cornell University in 1934, James Covert Covert, II, has been associated with the Covert Manufacturing Company, of Watervliet, New York. Several years later he became an executive of this, one of the oldest concerns in the harness and saddle business in the Capital Region of the State.

Mr. Covert was born at Watervliet, October 20, 1909, son of Earl Blunn and Mildred (Dauchy) Covert. His father, who died in January, 1940, was also a native of Watervliet, identified with the Covert company all his active life and its president at the time of his demise. He was also a financier, a co-founder of the Watervliet National Bank, and a prominent figure in many phases of Watervliet and Troy life and affairs.

The Mr. Covert with whom this record is primarily concerned, received his elementary education in the schools of his birthplace; prepared for higher education in the Peddie School, Hightstown, New Jersey; and matriculated at Cornell University, from which he was graduated, in 1934, a Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the employ of the Covert Manufacturing Company and put in several busy years acquiring experience in the various departments of the corporation, being advanced in status as his abilities were recognized by his elders. This company was founded in 1873 and was incorporated in 1900. For several generations it has been widely known as outstanding producers of about everything that goes into the harnessing, or equipping, of horses down to the smallest incidentals, "from hoof to head." Its rebus trademark, that may have been adopted near the initiation of the company, still is retained and still has sound advertising drawing power. It consists of the picture of a long-bearded former Mr. Covert, followed by a bent twig large "S," a prancing horse separated by the word "And" from an irritated mule kicking his shoes off.

James Covert Covert, II, is secretary of the Covert Manufacturing Company, and is a director of the Watervliet National Bank. His college fraternity is Delta Phi, and he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the York Rites, including the Commandery, Knights Templar. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church.

At Troy, New York, in August, 1935, James C. Covert, II, married Helen Welles, daughter of the late Dr. M. Edward Welles, Jr., and Mrs. Lucille (Hanlon) Welles. Mr. and Mrs. Covert are the parents of one son, James Covert Covert, III, born in 1936 at Watervliet.

EDWARD BURDETTE WHITCOMB—Almost eighty years ago the Whitcombs, of Round Top, Greene County, acquired the family homestead in the Catskills where they built up not long afterward the summer boarding house which has since been operated by the family. This is the present Winter Clove, celebrated mountain resort, known to five generations of vacation visitors in the Catskills and now solely owned and operated by Edward Burdette Whitcomb.

Mr. Whitcomb was born at Round Top on October 16, 1878, son of Henry B. and Mary E. (Slater) Whitcomb. He comes of Connecticut stock. In the paternal line he is a great-grandson of Israel and Sally (Barber) Whitcomb, who migrated from Connecticut and located first at Lexington Flats in Greene County. The grandfather was Israel Barber Whitcomb, a farmer and preacher at Jewett Heights, Greene County, who married Sally Chase. Henry B. Whitcomb, the father, was born in Jewett and became a school teacher in early life. In 1862 the family moved to the present location of the homestead in Round Top, which land was operated as a farm. Henry B. Whitcomb also ran a sawmill, acted as surveyor on numerous occasions and collected bark for the tannery industry which was the main business of this region in the past. About 1875 he began taking in summer guests and eventually developed an extensive summer resort trade. As proprietor of the Winter Clove, he conducted it until his death in 1917. Henry B. Whitcomb was also active in public life and civic affairs, serving as county clerk and school commissioner and in other offices. He married Mary E. Slater, of East Jewett, daughter of Hugh Slater, a farmer of East Jewett, Greene County, and Sally (Woodworth) Slater, and a granddaughter of Elihu Slater, also of Greene County, whose father came here from Connecticut.

Edward Burdette Whitcomb was educated in the district schools near his boyhood home and at Catskill High School. He was brought up in the boarding house business with his father and was helping in the family enterprise before he reached his 'teens. An addition to the original house at Round Top was made to accommodate the increasing number of guests as early as 1882. In 1890 the original structure was removed and the present building was erected. The name, the Winter Clove, was taken naturally because of the proximity of the property to the Winter Clove and Winter Clove Creek. Situated five miles from Cairo on a northeastern slope of the Catskill Mountains, the Winter Clove operates on the American plan and at capacity has accommodations for about one hundred people. Many of its guests, the records show, have been yearly visitors for ten, twenty, or even twenty-five seasons. Some represent the fifth generation of their families to come to Winter Clove. Others date back forty-five years with frequent visits. This record indicates its popularity as a resort.

"Winter Clove assures its guests of a clean, modern home. A cool, clean dining room with small tables. Large open fireplaces in the living room and dining room add comfort and warmth on cool evenings and hot and cold water are supplied in the rooms. Many are heated for early and late season guests. Porches on three sides of house, spacious, well-shaded lawns, all contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of guests. The grounds comprising one hundred acres are adjoined by several thousand acres of State forest preserve, where roads and trails afford an interesting variety of walks. Some of the surrounding mountains have an elevation of nearly four thousand feet. Two mountain streams flow through the property, making trout fishing available during the early season. The concrete and macadam highways offer the motorist many miles of enchanting scenery. . . ."

Virtually all sports are available. "Bring your golf clubs, bathing suit, riding habit, hiking shoes, ball gloves, tennis and badminton racquets," advises the management; "you will have use for them. At the bowling alley five hundred feet distant, but under house management, you can bowl, play pool and dance."

The excellent table of the Winter Clove is famous, as is the clean, wholesome atmosphere of the resort, an atmosphere made possible only in a highly restricted resort and with the coöperation of guests and management.

After his father's death in 1917, Edward Burdette Whitcomb took over the management of the Winter Clove with his sister, Mrs. Plank, an association continued until 1935. Since that time he has been sole proprietor of the resort, maintaining its traditional standards, while making progressive improvements which have added to the comfort and enjoyment of guests. At one time, the farm operated in connection with the Winter Clove was extensive and Mr. Whitcomb raised pure-bred Guernseys with which he took prizes on a number of occasions at the New York State Exposition in Syracuse. Although his major interests remain in the Catskills, he has been a winter visitor to Florida since 1899 and until 1940 operated the Seminole Inn, a hotel at Lake Wales, Florida. Here he established the same standards which have marked his operation of the Winter Clove. In 1940 he discontinued operating the Seminole Inn, and now devotes all his time to the operation of Winter Clove as a year-round resort.

Mr. Whitcomb is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with Kedemah Lodge, No. 693, Free and Accepted Masons, at Cairo. He is a Methodist in religious faith and serves as a trustee of the Methodist Church in Round Top.

On December 1, 1909, Mr. Whitcomb married Ethel M. Longman, of Brooklyn, New York. They are the parents of three children: 1. Alma Madeleine, died in 1925. 2. Ruth, who was graduated from Catskill High School and married Arthur J. Powell; they have a daughter, Amy Madeleine, born October 21, 1940. 3. E. Merton, a graduate of Catskill High School, who spent one year at the University of New Mexico and is now associated with his father in the operation of Winter Clove as a partner.

Mr. Whitcomb traces his genealogy in the United States to 1634 and in England to the twelfth century. He is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTHUR CARTER—After extensive business experience, Arthur Carter turned some years ago to politics and public service. He is now mayor of Amsterdam, having so served since 1933, and is chairman of the Montgomery County committee of the Democratic party and one of the party's recognized leaders. He has served also as a delegate to the last three national conventions of the Democrats, down to the time of writing.

Mr. Carter was born December 24, 1896, in Kidderminster, England, son of Harry H. and Ellen Louise (Hebblethwaite) Carter, both likewise natives of Kidderminster, where the father was engaged in carpet manufacturing operations until his death in September, 1920. The mother died March 16, 1936.

Public schools of Kidderminster provided Arthur Carter's early formal education; and, coming to the United States in 1908, he completed his studies in Amsterdam, New York. Taking up accounting as his profession, he served as a member of the adjutant general's department at Fort Slocum and Camp Devens during the World War period, attending Officers' Training School at Camp Meigs, Washington, District of Columbia, and being commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army. Discharged honorably on December 1, 1918, he resumed his business life, entering the wholesale grocery trade in Amsterdam in 1919 and continuing in that business until 1926 in association with the W. N. Carpenter Company and the Carpet City Supply Company, in both of which he was manager and a stockholder.

Beginning his important public work, Mr. Carter was appointed treasurer of Montgomery County by Governor Alfred E. Smith and so served through that year. In 1927 he was appointed to a post in the New York State Comptroller's office, in Albany, so serving until 1933, attached to the Bureau of Municipal Accounts. In 1933 Mr. Carter was elected mayor of Amsterdam, being reelected in 1935, 1937 and 1939 and filling the city's chief executive office down to the time of writing. He has contributed in a substantial way to the city's advancement through the wise administrative policies that he has adopted. At the same time he has contributed to the success of his party in this region of New York State. Mr. Carter, whose popularity with the electorate was early discernible, was elected chairman of the Montgomery County Democratic committee in 1930, and he so serves down to the time of writing. He was a delegate to the 1932, 1936 and 1940 national conventions. At the same time he has been a delegate to every State Democratic convention since 1925.

Social and civic affairs have absorbed a fair amount of Mr. Carter's time and attention, and he is a member of many organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 101, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Welcome Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and the Commandery of Knights Templar; the Improved Order of Red Men; and the Maccabees. He is a member of James T. Bergen Post, No. 39, American Legion, holding charter membership in this post and being one of its past commanders. In leisure time he enjoys golf and healthful outdoor recreations.

Arthur Carter married, June 30, 1923, Lorraine Conrad, of Amsterdam, New York, daughter of William F. and Lavina (Benjamin) Conrad, both of this city.

ALTON B. DALEY, M. D.—Practicing medicine in Athens, Dr. Alton B. Daley is one of his community's leading citizens. His civic-minded attitude has been responsible for the introduction of many improvements here, and he is particularly admired for his leadership in bringing about the installation of the present water and sanitary system in Athens.

Dr. Daley was born May 7, 1886, in Coxsackie, New York, son of Daniel H. and Harriett R. (Osborne) Daley. His father, a Columbia County lawyer, lived most of his life in Coxsackie. The mother, a resident of Windham, is now deceased.

Public schools in Coxsackie provided Dr. Alton B. Daley's early formal education, and after graduation from Coxsackie High School in 1904 he became a student at Albany Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1912. He had postgraduate work at the Lying-in Hospital, so enhancing his usefulness as a physician. After completing his high school studies, he was engaged in the mercantile business in Athens, then went to Brooklyn, New York, where he was connected with a large department store. His next work was as night clerk at the Catskill Mountain House, after which he became a medical school student. He served his interneship at Troy City Hospital, and in 1913 began a general practice at Athens. He has here carried forward his professional work down to the time of writing, and is a member of the staff of the Greene County Memorial Hospital and secretary of the hospital's medical governing board.

At all times he has been active in local affairs, and he is at the time of writing serving his second term as coroner of Greene County. He was chairman of the Water Commission which installed the modern water and sanitary system in Athens. Politically he is a Republican. He is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Taking a lively interest in business affairs, Dr. Daley was for some years vice-president and a director of the Athens National Bank. He has also served as president of the Athens Chamber of Commerce. He has many fraternal affiliations, being a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa society, which he joined in his student days, and of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the local Grange. He is active in the work of the Second Reformed Church, of which he has long been a member. Baseball is one of his favorite recreations, and he is also fond of bridge.

On August 25, 1913, Dr. Alton B. Daley married Frances Schufelt, of Coxsackie, New York, daughter of Frank R. and Annie (Nichols) Schufelt, of this place. Her father is now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Daley became the parents of the following children: 1. Alton B. Daley, Jr., born June 20, 1914, attended Athens High School for two years, then became a student at the Peekskill Military Academy. 2. Frances S. Daley, born September 15, 1915, graduated from Athens High School and Albany Business College, now with the New York Power & Light Company. 3. Ruth O. Daley, born April 25, 1917, graduated from Athens High School, attended Syracuse University and Albany Business College, now secretary to her father. 4. Frank L. Daley, born October 18, 1921, a student at Athens High School.

NORMAN SCOTT COOPER, M. D.—Widely and favorably known in medical circles in Athens, Dr. Norman Scott Cooper has carried on his own growing private practice and done a great deal of hospital work.

Dr. Cooper was born March 16, 1894, in Athens, New York, son of Norman and Cornelia M. (Scott) Cooper, both of Athens and both now deceased. His great-grandfather, Nathaniel Cooper, was a captain in the War of the American Revolution. The grandfather, Isaac Cooper, served in the War of 1812. It is interesting to note that Dr. Norman S. Cooper represents only the third generation since the period of the War of 1812. The father, Norman Cooper, was a grocer by trade, and was postmaster of Athens. He was long active in local affairs.

Public schools in Athens and Catskill furnished Norman Scott Cooper's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1917 from Albany Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Shortly afterward he entered the United States Navy as a member of the medical-surgical department, serving throughout the war and attaining the rank of lieutenant, senior grade. In 1920 he began a general medical practice in Athens, continuing this work down to the time of writing. He is a member of the staff of Greene County Memorial Hospital. He belongs to the Greene County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Association of Military Surgeons.

Along with his other undertakings, Dr. Cooper is interested in the business life of his community, being a director of the Athens National Bank. He is a member of several fraternal orders, being affiliated with the Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Knights of Pythias he is a Past Chancellor Commander, and in the Masonic Order he belongs to Ark Lodge, No. 48, Catskill Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hudson Commandery, Knights Templar; and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the American Legion, Dr. Cooper is a past commander of Athens Post and of the Greene County organization, and he is also a Past Chef de Guerre in the "40 and 8." He attends the Reformed Church. In leisure time he enjoys the out-of-doors, taking special delight in such healthful sports as fishing and hunting. He is also interested in photography and amateur motion pictures.

On August 6, 1918, Dr. Norman Scott Cooper married Martha M. Brady, daughter of William C. and Martha F. (Lowe) Brady, of Coxsackie, both of whom are now deceased. One son was born of this marriage: Norman Scott Cooper, Jr., who was graduated from Athens schools and became a student at the Simmons School of Embalming, in Syracuse.

DALE S. BALDWIN—Regarded as one of New Baltimore's most active citizens, Dale S. Baldwin has brought to his work as supervisor the value of a broad business experience. He also operates a quarry adjacent to the local shipyard.

Mr. Baldwin was born April 18, 1888, in New Baltimore, New York, son of William H. and Lily Summers (Jones) Baldwin, who were among the region's outstanding citizens. On the paternal line the ancestry of Mr. Baldwin goes back to John Mason, the first Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut, who was also a general in the Colonial wars and led the Colonists' forces against the Pequot Indians and helped to bring King Philip's War to an end. Another ancestor was Dr. Asa Spaulding, a surgeon in the War of the American Revolution. On the maternal side of his house, Dale S. Baldwin's ancestry goes back to Captain Jonathan Jones, captain of the 1st Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment in the War of the American Revolution, the first regiment to arrive in Quebec in support of General Benedict Arnold, in 1775. His maternal grandfather was John Davis Jones, of Phila-

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delphia, where Mrs. Lily Summers (Jones) Baldwin was born. William H. Baldwin, the father of Dale S. Baldwin, was born July 24, 1846, and died October 5, 1922. He came from Duanesburg, New York, settling in New Baltimore in 1872 and becoming clerk in the shipyard of his great-uncle. In 1881 he bought the business and operated it until 1919, when he sold it.

Dale S. Baldwin attended public schools in New Baltimore and the Boys' Academy at Albany, later studying at Albany Business College. In young manhood he was associated with the General Electric Company and later with the Standard Oil Company of New York as a statistician. In 1912 he became connected with his father in the shipbuilding business at New Baltimore, remaining so engaged until the World War. In 1919 he returned to the business, after overseas service with the 51st Pioneer Infantry Regiment for a year with the corporal's rank, and he and his father then sold the business later in the same year. Until 1923 Dale S. Baldwin remained with the purchasers. Meanwhile, however, in 1921, he acquired the quarry next to the shipyard in New Baltimore, and has since operated it. In 1924 he admitted a partner, Charles Stott. In 1923 he also went into the asbestos business in Albany, carrying on that enterprise until 1937, when he sold it and proceeded to devote his energy entirely to the quarry and to his activities as supervisor. He was elected supervisor in 1913, 1915 and 1917, resigning at the entry of the United States into the World War in order to render active military service. He was again elected to the office of supervisor in 1935, 1937 and 1939, and at the time of writing occupies the position.

Characterized by some of his fellow-townsmen as New Baltimore's most active citizen, Mr. Baldwin is a staunch Democrat. Since 1919 he has served as treasurer of the school district. He is a member of the Volunteer Firemen's Association, is connected with the American Legion, is an elder and clerk of the consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church, and is an active fraternalist. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Baldwin is a Past Master of Social Friendship Lodge, No. 741, and a member of Coxsackie Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and he is also a Deputy Grand Master of the State Masonic Lodge.

Dale S. Baldwin married, June 24, 1920, Eleanor Bowne Newton, of Albany, New York daughter of Walter and Anna M. (Parsons) Newton, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin became the parents of a daughter, Jane Newton Baldwin, who was graduated from the Girls' Academy in Albany and is at the time of writing in her second year at William Smith College, in Geneva, where she has represented her class on the Student Council and played on both the class basketball team and the varsity hockey team.

SAMUEL EDMOND COZINE, Jr.—For many years Samuel Edmond Cozine, Jr., has occupied a prominent position in the garage business in Cairo, where he operates the Central Garage, and the Corner Service filling station, and takes a lively interest in public affairs.

Mr. Cozine was born August 7, 1890, in Hollis, Long Island, New York, son of Samuel Edmond Cozine, Sr., and Anna (Bergen) Cozine, of New Lots, New York, now of Daytona Beach, Florida, where the father is retired from his active endeavors. On both sides of his family, Samuel Edmond Cozine, Jr., is descended from old and honorable New York State families. One of his ancestors, according to family records, was Catalyn Trico, said to be the first white woman in Albany. He was a descendant in the sixth generation from Cornelius Cozine, whose son, Garret Cozine, had a son, Jacob Cozine, who married Isabelle Sproul; their son, Samuel Garret Cozine, married Lucy Ann White; their son, Samuel Edmond Cozine, Sr., carried on the line.

The Bergen family line dates, according to family records, back to Hans Hansen Bergen, of Long Island and New Jersey, who came to this country from Holland in April, 1633, settling in New Amsterdam, now New York, and who was director-general in one of the vessels of the fleet of the West India Company's ships. In 1639 he married Sarah Rapalie (since spelled Rapalje), a daughter of Jores and Catalyn (Trico) Rapalie. She was the first white child born in New York State. Further records in possession of the family indicate that Samuel Edmond Cozine, Jr., is of the eighth generation in direct line of descent from Jan Hansen Bergen, who married Fannetje Teunis. Their son, Jan Hansen Bergen, married Antie Lucasse. Their son, Lucas Bergen, married Susanna Schenck. Their son, Abraham Bergen, married Antie Springstein, daughter of Garret Springstein, granddaughter of David Springstein and great-granddaughter of Casper Springstein. Their son, also named Abraham Bergen, married Winifred Hendrickson. Their son, Abraham Schenck Bergen, married Maria Suydam. Their daughter was Anna Bergen, wife of Samuel E. Cozine, Sr., and mother of Samuel E. Cozine, Jr. On the Schenck side of the house, the younger Samuel E. Cozine's great-great-great-grandmother, Susanna (Schenck) Bergen, was a daughter of Abraham Martens Schenck and a granddaughter of Marten R. Schenck. Records of the Bergen family show that many members of the family died in an epidemic of yellow fever in Brooklyn, New York, in July and August, 1856, when whole families were wiped out, seven members of one household dying between July 30 and August 18.

Samuel Edmond Cozine, Jr., attended public schools and the Franklin Automobile School, and in 1909 went into the garage business in Cairo. His garage was the first in this town, and he remained in the business thereafter. His business has steadily increased through the years, and he has distinguished himself by his pioneer spirit and accomplishments. He was the first man, it is said, to recognize the need of a filling station in Cairo, and he now owns and operates a large one in connection with the Central Garage. His business is housed in a thoroughly modern and well-equipped building on the west side of Cairo, and his filling station is among the largest in the district. He handles Esso products.

In addition to his work along these lines, Mr. Cozine took an active part in the affairs of Cairo. He has interested himself in civic problems, has been a Republican in his political views, and is a past president of the Cairo Board of Education, which office he held for three years. He is also a director of the Cairo National Bank and an active member in the local Chamber of Commerce. He drove the truck for the Volunteer Fire Company here for ten years, and is still a member of the company. Fraternally he is connected with Kedemah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also affiliated with Catskill Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Catskill Council of Royal and Select Masters, and with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church. In spare time Mr. Cozine enjoys the out-of-doors, and he has cultivated the interesting hobby of pheasant raising, having perfected many breeds.

Samuel Edmond Cozine, Jr., married Edna Miller, daughter of Louis A. (*q. v.*) and ElLouise (Dayton) Miller. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Samuel Edmond Cozine III, a graduate of Cairo High School, associated in business with his father; he has just received his appointment to the new National School of Aeronautics, at La Guardia Field, New York. 2. Ardala Cozine, graduated from local schools, a student at Beaver College at the time of writing.

JAMES F. EVANS—As director of State parks, James F. Evans has seventy parks under his jurisdiction and employs an average of 5,500 or 6,000 people.

Mr. Evans was born January 28, 1895, in Warner, New York, son of Alfred and Lillian (Byrnes) Evans. His father, born in July, 1871, died in January, 1938, was long successfully engaged in the insurance business and was a Republican in his political views. The mother was born in June, 1866, in Galveston, Texas.

Public schools of Warner, his birthplace, provided James F. Evans' early formal education, and he was graduated in 1911 from Warner High School. He then became a student at Syracuse University, where he took the degree of Civil Engineer in 1917. During the World War period, between 1917 and 1919, he was with the United States Marine Corps, holding the rank of quartermaster sergeant. From 1919 to 1924 he was with the New York State Highway Department as assistant engineer. In 1924 and 1925 he was with the Long Island Park Commission as an engineer, and since that time he has been serving the State park system in one or another capacity. From 1926 to 1937 Mr. Evans was engineer and executive secretary of the Central New York Park Commission. His work has been the more valuable because of the fact that, from an early period in his career, he has made his own way in the world, having worked in boyhood as a laborer with an engineering crew in the Department of Public Works and afterward having worked his way through Syracuse University. His knowledge of the practical affairs of life was, therefore, highly developed; and when the State system of parks was consolidated, he became an engineer for the system.

On January 26, 1938, Mr. Evans was named director of State parks, receiving the appointment from Lithgow Osborne, State Conservation Commissioner, and succeeding Henry F. Lutz, who died five days earlier. Aside from his work in this connection, in which he supervises the activities of 5,500 or 6,000 people, as indicated above, Mr. Evans is a director of the National Conference on State Parks. Under terms of the conservation law, the director of State Parks is *ex officio* secretary of the State Council of Parks, of which Robert Moses is chairman. The council offices are situated in the State Office Building, New York City, and, as a result of this connection, Mr. Evans spends a part of his time in that metropolis, though his headquarters are in Albany.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Evans is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Citizens' Club of Syracuse, the Normanside Country Club, the Society of Professional Engineers, the Civil Service Association and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is an honorary member of the Police Conference of the State of New York and a member of the Hudson Valley Survey Commission. He was appointed a colonel on the staff of Governor Ruby Laffoon, of Kentucky, some years ago, and is a member of Post No. 80 of the American Legion. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Binghamton, where he makes his permanent home, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter. Mr. Evans is also active in the Protestant Episcopal Church. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, notably hunting and other sports.

In Washington, District of Columbia, January 22, 1918, James F. Evans married Jessie Ryan, a native of Syracuse, New York, daughter of Edward and May Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. Evans became the parents of the following children: 1. James F. Evans, Jr., born December 6, 1920, became a student at Syracuse University in 1939. 2. Mary Patricia Evans, born March 14, 1922, in Syracuse, attends Syracuse University.

PAUL A. SHALTEGGER—A resident of Kinderhook since 1906, Paul A. Shaltegger turned from his early connection with the local dairy industry to the field of building construction during the World War period. Trained in this trade in his native Switzerland, he has since built up an extended business and a wide reputation for craftsmanship of the finest type.

Mr. Shaltegger was born in Switzerland on January 3, 1882, son of John and Amelia Shaltegger. His father, now deceased, was a building craftsman in Switzerland, and under him Paul A. Shaltegger learned the trade. He came to this country in 1906 and immediately settled in Kinderhook, where he became overseer of the Horsford Dairy Farm. This connection he continued until 1917, when he decided to establish himself as a building contractor. At the time there was no other business of this kind in Kinderhook. Although he has not strictly limited his activities as a builder, he has become famous during the intervening years as a specialist in duplicating the historic homesteads which dot the valley of the Upper Hudson. He has shown himself to be a master craftsman, able to capture to perfection the symmetry and beauty of his models and to duplicate their structure in exact detail. Among his other work he has rendered great assistance to James Leith in making the House of History what it is today. Mr. Shaltegger's special talents have been recognized and valued, and as a result his earnings have brought him substantial means.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Shaltegger is affiliated with the Masonic Order and is a member and president of the Dry Village Rod and Gun Club. He is particularly fond of hunting and fishing, and this club and the sport it provides have been his principal hobby. In religious faith he is a member of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Mr. Shaltegger married, at Kinderhook, in 1910, Pauline B. Leiser. They are the parents of two sons, Paul George and Datus John Shaltegger, both attending Kinderhook High School.

WILLIAM J. COLEMAN—As supervising head of the Firemen's Home, in Hudson, William J. Coleman does an important work in this community, and he takes the liveliest interest in the city's affairs, though he has been a resident here only since assuming his present duties in 1932. Before that time he lived in Potsdam, where for forty years he did fine work at the ancient and honorable trade of blacksmith.

Mr. Coleman was born March 16, 1872, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, son of Duncan and Mary (Casmir) Coleman. His father was engaged in the lumber industry in Ontario.

After completing his public schools studies, William J. Coleman took up the blacksmith's trade at Potsdam, New York, where he was so engaged for about forty years. Through a great part of that time he specialized in shoeing race horses, developing a skill along that line that was truly remarkable and brought him renown throughout New York State. After being so engaged for all those years, Mr. Coleman came to Hudson in 1932 to be supervising head of the Firemen's Home, succeeding Robert J. Hale in this post. Here he has remained down to the time of writing. The Firemen's Home is one of two such institutions in the United States. It came into existence in 1872, and it now has the largest collection of fire relics, it is said, to be found in any museum of the kind in the world. The home has 179 men in it as residents at the time of writing, and is thoroughly up-to-date in equipment and spirit. It is, in fact, one of the show places of the Capital Region.

Despite his comparatively brief residence in Hudson, Mr. Coleman has interested himself in many local activities and has contributed in a most helpful way to the work of local institutions. He belongs to both the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has many affiliations, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and being an initiate in Media Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he has gone through all the offices of the local order and has served as Deputy Grand of his district. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1903 William J. Coleman married Frances Middlemiss, of Ontario, Canada. They became the parents of a son, Clarence C. Coleman, who, after graduation from college, married Alice Brown, daughter of Captain Brown; they have a child, William Earl Coleman.

LEDYARD COGSWELL, JR.—For years active in the business life of Albany, Ledyard Cogswell, Jr., is president of the Albany Lumber & Planing Mill, and chairman of the board of directors of the A. P. W. Paper Company, as well as a director of both organizations. He lives in Loudonville.

Mr. Cogswell was born May 13, 1878, in Albany, New York, son of Ledyard and Cornelia (McClure) Cogswell. Both his parents were natives of Albany. The father, born February 10, 1852, died March 10, 1929, was a banker, associated with the First National Bank and later with the New York State National Bank. He was a Republican in politics, and served for a time as Civil

Service Commissioner. The mother was born October 24, 1855, and died October 4, 1908. The original settler in Albany, among the members of this family, was Mason Fitch Cogswell, who came here in 1833.

Ledyard Cogswell, Jr., attended Albany Academy. Graduated there in 1895, he became a student at Yale University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899. After two years at Harvard Law School, he was admitted, in November, 1901, to the New York State bar. Then, associating himself with the New York State National Bank, he remained with this banking institution until 1928, serving in many positions, including those of clerk and assistant cashier. He became vice-president of the bank in 1910, and in 1922 was made president. He resigned from the presidency of the bank in 1928. At the time of writing Mr. Cogswell is president of the Albany Lumber & Planing Mill, as indicated above, and chairman of the board of the A. P. W. Paper Company. He is also a director of both these companies, the Albany Insurance Company, the Albany Title Company, and the Morris Plan Industrial Bank.

Affiliated with a number of Albany organizations of a civic and social nature, Mr. Cogswell belongs to the Albany Country Club, the Schuyler Meadows Country Club, the Fort Orange Club, the University Club, the Albany Chamber of Commerce and other groups. He is the treasurer and trustee of The Albany Academy, and a trustee of the Albany Academy for Girls. Especially interested in the study of history, Mr. Cogswell is president of the Albany Institute of History and Art. For many years he has been an elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church. During the World War, he was in the army from May 18, 1917, to December 13, 1918, being commissioned captain and later major in the Quartermaster Corps. He was stationed at Boston for a time and at Fort Ethan Allen and Camp Wadsworth. At the time of writing he has just resigned as chief of the Rochester Ordnance District after sixteen years of service. He is a member of the Fort Orange American Legion Post. In politics he is a Republican, having been active in this party's organization for many years. Ledyard Cogswell, Jr., has contributed in many ways to the welfare of his city and its people.

Mr. Cogswell married, February 1, 1921, in Albany, New York, Dorothy T. Arnold, a native of this city, daughter of Benjamin Walworth and Harriet (Fellows) Arnold, both natives of New York State, the father of Albany. Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell became the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy A. Cogswell, born June 9, 1922. 2. Arnold Cogswell, born February 15, 1924. 3. Cornelia L. Cogswell, born April 7, 1932. All the children were born in Albany.

STEPHEN McLEAN BROWN—Widely known in Amsterdam business circles, Stephen McLean Brown is secretary-treasurer and a director of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc.

Mr. Brown was born October 7, 1886, in the county of Durham, England, son of Daniel Angus and Jane Anne (Spoor) Brown. His father, born in Winlaton, England, was for years a merchant until his death. The mother, who is also deceased, was a native of Wickham, England.

Stephen McLean Brown had private schooling in England, his native land, and early in his career became a public accountant in Newcastle, England, beginning in 1910. In 1913 he came to America, and in New York City was associated with the public accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company. Remaining with them through 1913 and part of 1914, he then returned to England. When he came again to New York, in 1915, Mr. Brown went immediately to Canada, and from 1915 to 1924 was director of the British-America Nickel Corporation. From 1924 to 1930 he was with the New York City law firm of Breed, Abbot and Morgan. Then, in 1930, becoming associated with the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., in Amsterdam, Mr. Brown served as controller of the company until his appointment, in 1931, as secretary-treasurer and a director. He still continues in these offices in the Mohawk Mills organization, and is recognized as one of the leaders in the local carpet and rug manufacturing industry.

At the same time he has taken an increasingly active part in civic and social affairs here since his residence in Amsterdam. He is president of the Amsterdam Water Works Company. A Republican in politics, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Antlers Country Club. In spare time Mr. Brown enjoys the out-of-doors, especially such hobbies as hunting and golf.

On June 11, 1911, in South Normanton, Derbyshire, England, Stephen McLean Brown married Hannah Mein, who was born at South Normanton, England, daughter of James and Jane Anne (Body) Mein, both likewise natives of England. The following are the children of Stephen M. and Hannah (Mein) Brown: 1. Angus Brown, born in England. 2. Allan Brown, born in England. 3. Donald Brown, born in England. 4. Anne Brown, born in Queens, Long Island, New York. 5. Marjorie Brown, born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. 6. Grace Brown, born also in Ottawa.

JOHN R. KELLY—As assistant treasurer of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., John R. Kelly occupies a position of high standing in industrial circles in Amsterdam and this region of New York State.

Mr. Kelly was born June 8, 1892, in Glasgow, Scotland, son of Andrew and Jane (Russell) Kelly, both natives of Scotland. The father, born in 1869, at Ayr, Scotland, and died in January, 1923, was a master weaver. He came to America in 1912 and resided in Amsterdam for the rest of his life. The mother is also now deceased.

Glasgow public schools provided John R. Kelly's early formal education, and while still in the Scottish city of his birth he became associated with MacFarlane, Lang & Company, Ltd., remaining with them from 1908 to 1912. He came to the United States with his father in 1912 and, settling in Amsterdam, associated himself with McCleary, Wallin & Crouse, carpet manufacturers. At the outset Mr. Kelly served as payroll clerk. Continuing in the financial department of the company, he finally became cashier. Remaining with the organization after it was merged with the Shuttleworth Brothers Company, in 1920, to form the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., Mr. Kelly was made assistant treasurer of the Mohawk company and he so continues today. He is also assistant treasurer and assistant secretary of the Mohawk Export and Import Corporation.

A Republican in his political views, Mr. Kelly belongs to the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce, the Antlers Country Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. He is intensely interested in sports and outdoor life, and is active in the affairs of the Second Presbyterian Church. During the World War he was a member of the United States Army, enlisting for service on September 9, 1917, and being assigned as a sergeant in Company E, 303d Infantry Regiment, 76th Division, and later attending the Officers' Training School and serving overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. He was honorably discharged from the army in March, 1919.

John R. Kelly married, September 18, 1920, in Amsterdam, New York, Julia Greenwalt, a native of Montgomery County, New York, daughter of Herman and Ella (Slattery) Greenwalt, both born in the same county. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly became the parents of three children, all born in Amsterdam: 1. Russell J. Kelly, born September 21, 1921. 2. Robert E. Kelly, born September 5, 1924. 3. Frederick A. Kelly, born April 21, 1927.

SENATOR JAMES ARKELL—Although forty 'ears have elapsed since James Arkell reached the end of iis notable career, his influence still dominates the town f Canajoharie, which owes its rise as a modern indus-rial community, the gracious character of its life and nany of its most valued institutions to his vision and ublic spirit. He was Canajoharie's most eminent citizen nd one of the most distinguished New Yorkers of his ay.

James Arkell was born near Oxford, England, on October 16, 1829, son of William and Mary Arkell. When he was twelve years old, he came to America with his parents, who purchased a farm to the east of the village of Canajoharie, now known as the Arkell farm. From 1841 onward his interests and activities always centered in Canajoharie. James Arkell attended the Canajoharie village school and academy, spent a short time in the insurance business in his youth and then returned to farming. This period of his life was marked by early manifestations of that literary ability for which he was subsequently well known. He was a frequent contributor to the "Canajoharie Radii" of Levi Backus, the deaf-mute editor and writer, and in 1863, with L. F. Allen, he purchased the "Radii" from Mr. Backus. In 1866 Mr. Arkell sold his interest to Angell Matthewson, and sole ownership of the "Radii" soon passed to L. F. Allen.

Mr. Arkell, meanwhile, was occupied with a project of wider importance. In 1859 he became interested in the manufacture and printing of flour bags, organizing the firm of Arkell & Smiths, in which his associates were the Canajoharie dry goods merchants, Adam and Benjamin Smith. The first bags produced by the new firm were printed in 1859 on a hand press in the Radii printing office, which occupied the old stone building later to become one of Canajoharie's landmarks. Until 1924 it stood in front of the main building of the Beech-Nut Packing Company. When it was taken down, its stone, with fitting symbolism, was used in the construction of the Canajoharie Library James Arkell Memorial Building, erected by Senator Arkell's son, Bartlett Arkell. "This transformation," a biographer has written, "of the materials of the old building in which Senator Arkell started business, into a structure largely devoted to intellectual and spiritual aims, is symbolic of the spirit of the man who aided in developing the spiritual life of his community through the means of successful business enterprises."

With the outbreak of the Civil War, economic necessity, as is often the case, spurred the inventive gifts of the young manufacturer. Supplies of cotton from the South were strictly curtailed and the price of this commodity advanced to a level which made its use in the manufacture of bags prohibitive. The financial support of his father, William Arkell, and fortunate purchases of cotton made it possible for the firm of Arkell & Smiths to continue in business, but some substitute for the cotton bag had to be found. James Arkell applied himself to the problem, experimenting with heavy manila paper. After many disappointments he succeeded in perfecting a paper sack with the requisite strength and durability and introduced it on the market. He was faced with skepticism and unwillingness in the trade, but the new product gradually won acceptance as its merits were demonstrated by the enterprising young business man. While much of his energies were devoted to placing orders, Mr. Arkell continued to effect improvements in his paper sack and the manufacturing process. In all, he was granted thirty-two patents for the manufacture of paper bags. He introduced, among others, the satchel paper bag, which made its appearance in 1865, the soft tie bag, the white enamel bag and the stretchable bag. He perfected the side pasters, and virtually all other devices and equipment used in the manufacturing process. His priority in the field was unquestioned and as the father of the paper sack he not only developed a new industry but initiated the whole trend toward modern packaging in retail merchandising. At first the paper sack was printed in one color from type, but the demand of manufacturers for variety and the use of trade-mark designs soon resulted in the production of multi-colored printed bags in a wide multiplicity of styles and designs. The necessary printing equipment was installed in the factory of Arkell & Smiths erected on Mill Street, Canajoharie, and the firm at once gained and retained the dominant position in the paper and cotton bag industry.

The business at Canajoharie continued to develop rapidly until 1873, when the plant was destroyed by a fire caused by a gas explosion. Among the critically injured was William J. Arkell, son of the founder of the business. As a result of the destruction of the plant, Senator Arkell considered acquiring a new site at Niagara Falls, which had the advantage of being much more centrally located as far as the milling industry was concerned. The millers were then the principal customers of his firm. Senator Arkell finally decided to remain at Canajoharie, influenced by his fondness for the community in which he had spent so much of his life and the persuasion of Mrs. Arkell, who did not wish the village to be deprived of its principal industry. A new and more modern plant was then erected.

Through his later years, Mr. Arkell retained his stature as Canajoharie's most eminent citizen. He was known throughout the country and numbered among his friends many leaders of the Nation.

Although he traveled widely, Senator Arkell retained the closest contacts with the life of Canajoharie and the Mohawk Valley. There were few movements designed to promote the civic progress or material welfare of the section which did not benefit from his active leadership or strong support. He was especially interested in the cause of education. As the young editor of the "Canajoharie Radii," he was a powerful advocate of an adequate public school system and had the satisfaction of seeing the program which he recommended adopted in 1866. He was for many years a school trustee at Canajoharie and was largely instrumental in the building of the new public school. In 1883, with his election as State Senator from the Eighteenth Senatorial District, he was called to new responsibilities in the field of public service. This distinction came to him as a mark of confidence and regard from those who knew him best. He accepted the honor in the spirit in which it was tendered and enhanced the admiration in which he was held by the character of his service at Albany.

Senator Arkell was influential for years in councils of the Republican party and was an ardent protectionist. His interest in public affairs was profound, and although he never embarked upon a political career he relished the give and take of politics. In any discussion of public questions his wit and intellectual power made him a formidable antagonist. He was a fluent and forceful writer and contributed occasional articles and editorials to a number of publications, among them "Leslie's Weekly," controlled for a time by his son, William J. Arkell, whose publishing ventures also included "Judge" and the "Albany Evening Journal." In these the son had the financial support of his father. Senator Arkell himself had an informed and cultivated taste for art. When the artist members of the famous Tile Club of New York toured the Erie Canal in a canal boat, they were entertained at Canajoharie in the Arkell home. One of this party was Edward Gay, the noted landscape painter, who was so impressed by the beauty of the scene that he returned to paint a number of his best known canvases here. His "Farm Slopes of the Mohawk Valley," called "the finest and most characteristic Mohawk valley landscape ever painted," represents a view from a point east of the village of Canajoharie, including the fields of the original homestead farm. This subject was suggested to him by Mrs. James Arkell and the painting was later purchased by the family.

On July 23, 1853, James Arkell married Sarah Hall Bartlett, born on September 18, 1835. Mrs. Arkell fully shared the interests of her husband's career and his deep affection for the village of Canajoharie, whose people knew her as a woman of rare character and personal charm and inborn kindliness of spirit. She died on February 28, 1911, having survived her husband more than eight years. In 1888 Senator and Mrs. Arkell built their home, East Hill, in Canajoharie, and resided there during their last years. They were the parents of five children: William James, Bartlett, Mary F., Laura, and Bertelle.

Senator Arkell died in Canajoharie on August 12, 1902, in his seventy-third year. Creative vision was combined with sound judgment and rare organizing ability in his successful career. He was equally admired, however, for his enlightened public spirit and the sense of stewardship which characterized him throughout his life. Of the talents entrusted to him he rendered a faithful account, and the resulting influences touched and enriched many lives.

BARTLETT ARKELL—On April 22, 1941, associate officials of the Beech-Nut Packing Company gave a dinner in honor of Bartlett Arkell, president of that organization, in the Hotel Beech-Nut in Canajoharie, New York. This testimonial was tendered Mr. Arkell in honor of his completion of fifty years as president of the company—in fact, its first and only president until that time. On this occasion, a bronze plaque was presented to Mr. Arkell by Francis E. Barbour, vice-president of the Beech-Nut Packing Company. This bronze bore a relief portrait of Mr. Arkell and it had the following inscription:

> Presented to Bartlett Arkell on the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Beech-Nut Packing Company and in honor of his inspiring and brilliant leadership as President of this Company during the entire fifty years of its existence, 1891-1941.

This plaque most properly now occupies a prominent position in the main offices of the company in Canajoharie It briefly and fittingly gives an expression of appreciation to one of the industrial leaders of the Mohawk Valley, who has also made a tremendous contribution to its cultural life as well as to that of his native town of Canajoharie.

While many American companies are fifty years or more old, it is a most unusual circumstance for one man to have been at the head of a nationally known industrial organization for a period of half a century—a period during which Bartlett Arkell guided the organization through the perplexing financial stress of its early years, through the crucial years of its expansion and in the prosperous years of its successful development, always with a wisdom and a foresight which has been the company's greatest asset.

Bartlett Arkell was born in a family noted for its background of definite cultural values as well as its constructive business ability. His father, Senator James Arkell, created the extensive bag manufacturing business of Arkell & Smiths, in Canajoharie. He was also an enthusiastic patron of the arts and a progressive promoter of educational interests. In the politics and public life of his times, he occupied a nationally prominent position and he numbered many of the country's leading men among his intimate friends. He occupied a seat in the Senate of the State of New York with great efficiency and distinction.

It will be noted that Bartlett Arkell inherited many of his father's most outstanding characteristics, qualities which are evidenced in his own remarkable busines success and in his extensive promotion of art and education. Mr. Arkell's mother, Sarah Bartlett Arkell, was herself a leader in the community in educational, church, literary and civic activities.

Following his attendance in the Canajoharie schools, Bartlett Arkell entered Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Massachusetts. He early showed administrative and literary ability in his editorship and management of the school periodical. After completing his course at Williston, he entered the class of 1886 at Yale. There, Bartlett Arkell's high scholarship standing entitled him to a second colloquy appointment in his junior and senior years, and his popularity is also shown by his having been on the junior promenade committee and the senior class cup committee, as well as having been honored by election to each class fraternity or society, culminating in his membership in Scroll and Key, one of the two select senior year societies.

Following his graduation from Yale, Mr. Arkell entered the office of Arkell & Smiths, manufacturers of paper bags in Canajoharie. This was the organization which was founded by Bartlett Arkell's father. At about this time Mr. Arkell's brother, William J. Arkell, had become the owner and publisher of "Judge," the famous humorous periodical of that day, and of "Leslie's Weekly," which covered current events with pictures and comment.

After a year with Arkell & Smiths, Bartlett Arkell became associated with "Leslie's" and continued there until 1892, when he became a partner in the rug importing firm of Van Gaasbeek & Arkell. He retired from this connection when the affairs of the Beech-Nut Packing Company began to demand practically all his attention.

The Beech-Nut Packing Company had its beginnings in Canajoharie in 1891. In that year, Raymond Lipe and John D. Zieley, two young men of the village, were accustomed to ride their horses over the picturesque hills above the town. While on these little journeys on horseback, they frequently discussed the possibility of marketing hams and bacon cured with a process which had been originated by Ephraim Lipe, the father of Raymond. The two young men interested David Zieley, Jr., brother of John, and Walter H. Lipe, brother of Raymond, in their project. David Zieley, Sr., father of the Zieley boys, was a man of means and a large dealer in hay. Together, the four men went to Mr. Zieley and asked for his backing in their proposed enterprise. He finally said that he woud finance a company provided that they would get Bartlett Arkell, another Canajoharie young man, to join in the enterprise. Mr. Arkell agreed to come in and thereupon Mr. Zieley loaned each of the five $2,000 or a total of $10,000 with which to start their food packing company.

Mr. Arkell gave the new concern the name of the Imperial Packing Company. Its first ten years of existence were most unfortunate from a business point of view and its original capital was wiped out six times over. However, Bartlett Arkell never lost faith in the project and he stepped in, paid off the company's indebtedness and finally succeeded in putting the business on a sound financial basis.

In reference to his action in this crisis of the business, Mr. Arkell has said, "That was probably the best thing that I ever did in my life for, in business, there is nothing as valuable as keeping our pledges financially or otherwise."

About this time, a friend suggested the name of "Beech-Nut" for the company and Mr. Arkell, sensing its publicity value, immediately adopted it. With its new name, the fortunes of the company changed for the better and its career from that time on has been one of practically continuing success. New products have been added from time to time. All of them have had most exhaustive processes of preparation and complete laboratory and merchandising tests before being finally placed upon the market.

Besides demanding the finest food materials, Bartlett Arkell has always insisted upon the most careful and sanitary methods in the preparation and manufacture of all Beech-Nut products. The spotless factories, and their hygienic features, and the high standard of cleanliness demanded of all employees have made the company's plants model industries of their kind. The constantly increasing trade throughout the years has definitely indicated the appreciation of the American public for, and confidence in, Beech-Nut products.

The main plant and offices of the company are located in Canajoharie in the heart of the beautiful and historic Mohawk Valley. There, the employees are mainly of pioneer stock and that their efficiency and whole-hearted coöperation with the company's progressive management is appreciated is shown by the fact that, in 1941, over $200,000 in bonuses was distributed among them as well as among those in the branch plants in Rochester and Brooklyn.

Mr. Arkell has never believed in high salaries for the heads of companies and today he draws $20,000 per year which is the same figure that has prevailed since the organization of the business.

Bartlett Arkell has made great contributions to the educational and cultural interests of Canajoharie and the village has a remarkably high position among New York State communities, largely because of his many benefactions. On many occasions, the people of Canajoharie have given marked evidence of their appreciation of Mr. Arkell's material expression of his deep love for his native town.

In memory of his father, Senator James Arkell, Bartlett Arkell, in 1926, presented a handsome stone library building to the village. Bartlett Arkell inherited a great love and appreciation of art from his father, and these qualities found expression in the building of the important art gallery which was added to the library in 1927.

Canajoharie's earliest settlers, as well as those of the eastern half of the Mohawk Valley, were of Holland Dutch blood. With this in mind, Mr. Arkell conceived the idea of installing, in the gallery, a full sized replica of what is probably the world's most famous and valuable painting—Rembrandt's "Night Watch" which hangs in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. For this purpose Mr. Arkell secured the services of Martin J. Korpershoek, one of Holland's most noted artists, who was also a deep student of the work of the great Dutch master.

The painter took two years to complete his replica of this great masterpiece. Then he brought it to America, where it was first exhibited in the Anderson Galleries in New York City. At this initial showing, it created unusual interest in art circles and it was acclaimed as an almost perfect interpretation of the original rather than a copy.

To give his "Night Watch" replica a proper and harmonious setting, Mr. Arkell commissioned his architect to create a gallery similar in size and design to the room in the Rijksmuseum where the original picture hangs. Not only was this accomplished, but Mr. Arkell also had chairs and settees of Dutch design produced, which are copies of those in the "Night Watch" room in the Amsterdam Gallery.

The great painting, measuring fifteen by eighteen feet, occupies one end of the Canajoharie Art Gallery and it is a most impressive spectacle as one enters the room. Not only has it attracted thousands of students and lovers of art, but it is also a favorite picture with the many school children, who visit the gallery. It is most appropriate that one of the gems of the collection is a self-portrait etching by Rembrandt in his best style in this, one of his favorite mediums.

But most remarkable of all is the fact that one of Rembrandt's own easels stands in the gallery, facing the splendid replica of the master's greatest work. This easel was brought to light and purchased by Mr. Arkell about six years ago. Carved in the back is the name "Uylenburgh," which was the family name of Saskia, Rembrandt's wife. A piece of old linen paper glued to the back bears the words, "Rembrandt van Rijn, Leyden, 1634," the date being that of Rembrandt's marriage. One of America's greatest handwriting experts states that this signature is that of Rembrandt himself. The easel is beautifully carved and is well made, and it is one of the gallery's most prized exhibits.

The "Night Watch" is not the only picture on view at the Canajoharie Art Gallery, for here is one of the country's finest exhibitions of the work of American artists all presented or loaned by Mr. Arkell. Here is one of America's best collections of the work of Winslow Homer, who is probably our greatest American master of paintings. Besides one of Homer's most impressive oils, "Watching the Breakers; A High Sea," the gallery boasts fourteen of the painter's water colors—one of the largest collections in existence of Homer's work in this medium.

Other American painters, who have representation on the walls of the gallery, are Sargent, Inness, Davis, Henri, LaFarge, Chase, Tarbell, Hassam, Pennell, Davies, Twachtman, Connaway, Lie, Dewing, Benson and Luks. There are also many others.

The gallery has also a small but notable collection of bronzes and marbles, including St. Gauden's "Amor Caritas." In the attractive formal Dutch garden, at the side of the gallery, is the beautiful life size nude bronze figure, "Water Nymph" by Harriet Frishmuth.

Many paintings, from Mr. Arkell's collections, are distributed in other places in Canajoharie—in the Fort Rensselaer Club, in Hotel Beech-Nut and in the offices of the Beech-Nut Packing Company. The hotel also has the great painting of Canajoharie Falls, by Walter Gay.

The Fort Rensselaer Club occupies the stone house built by Martin Janse Van Alstyne, in 1749. It was a favorite meeting place of the Mohawk Valley patriots of the Revolution. Washington was here in 1783, and Mr. Arkell, who is largely responsible for the splendid restoration of this Colonial stronghold, has given it a portrait of the general by Gilbert Stuart.

In 1925 an unfounded rumor that Mr. Arkell was to dispose of his Beech-Nut holdings brought forth one of the most whole-hearted tributes which could be accorded any man. When word reached Canajoharie that Mr. Arkell had issued an absolute denial of the report, leading citizens of the town set about preparing a well deserved recognition of Mr. Arkell's splendid services to his home town. On his arrival in the village, he was accorded hearty public expressions of appreciation by the townspeople, and the day was brought to a close with a dinner in Hotel Beech-Nut, when Mr. Arkell gave expression to his gratitude for all the good will and kindly sentiments accorded him and his associates by the townspeople and the representatives of many Mohawk Valley communities, who were present on this memorable occasion.

Although Mr. Arkell has never held political office, he has ever been interested in clean politics and good government. That his work for these aims has been appreciated is evidenced by the fact that he was twice chosen to serve as a Republican Presidential elector for New York State.

Bartlett Arkell has long been a lover of outdoor sports. He is enthusiastic in his support of baseball, and is a golfer who numbers some of the greatest players of the game as his close friends.

In 1886 Bartlett Arkell married Caroline Clark, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They had one son, William Clark Arkell, who succeeded his father as president of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, following his completion of fifty years as head of that organization. Mrs. Arkell died in 1888. On January 1, 1900, Mr. Arkell married Louisiana Grigsby, of Lexington, Kentucky. She died in September, 1927. His present wife was Louise Marshall Ryals, of Savannah, Georgia, who became Mrs. Arkell in June, 1929.

Mr. Arkell has resided in New York City since 1888. He also has a summer home in Manchester, Vermont. In Canajoharie he makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Barbour. Their residence—a large and handsome stone house—was built by Mr. Arkell's and Mrs. Barbour's parents, Senator and Mrs. James Arkell. But, regardless of where Bartlett Arkell may be located, it can ever be truthfully said that his heart is in his beloved town of Canajoharie in the heart of the beautiful Mohawk Valley.

WILLIAM LANE GILLESPIE—As chairman of the board of one of Albany's oldest financial institutions, the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, William Lane Gillespie occupies a position of leadership and standing in his city.

Mr. Gillespie was born January 1, 1881, in Albany, New York, and attended Albany schools and Albany Business College. He received a part of his education under the direction of private tutors. He became associated with the Albany City National Bank, which was afterward consolidated with the National Commercial Bank. He has held all the positions in the different grades of banking service in the course of his association with this one institution, including those of cashier and vice-president, assistant to the president and now president. He was elevated to the presidency in 1932, serving as such until 1941, when he became chairman of the board. The National Commercial Bank & Trust Company employs 150 people and is recognized as one of Albany's strong and conservative financial houses. Its history dates back to 1826.

Along with his work as president of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, Mr. Gillespie is a director of the institution. He also serves as a trustee of the Home Savings Bank, member of the board of managers of the Delaware & Hudson Company, and the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company, and director of the Consolidated Car Heating Company, the Albany City Securities Corporation, and the Commercial Safe Deposit Company. He belongs to the Albany Chamber of Commerce, is a past president of the Rotary Club and the Albany Country Club, and belongs, too, to the Fort Orange Club, of Albany, and the Bankers' Club, of New York. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Gillespie is affiliated with lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar Commandery, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in the University Club, and is a former vestryman of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. Golf, boating and dry fly fishing are among his favorite hobbies and recreations. During the World War and prior to that time Mr. Gillespie served in the army, holding the commission of second lieutenant in Troop B, New York State Cavalry, between 1908 and 1917.

ABRAM ZOLLER—During the past twelve years Justice Abram Zoller has devoted himself to judicial duties as county judge and surrogate of Herkimer County and as a justice of the Supreme Court of New York, on which bench he now serves. He has been a member of the New York bar for more than three decades.

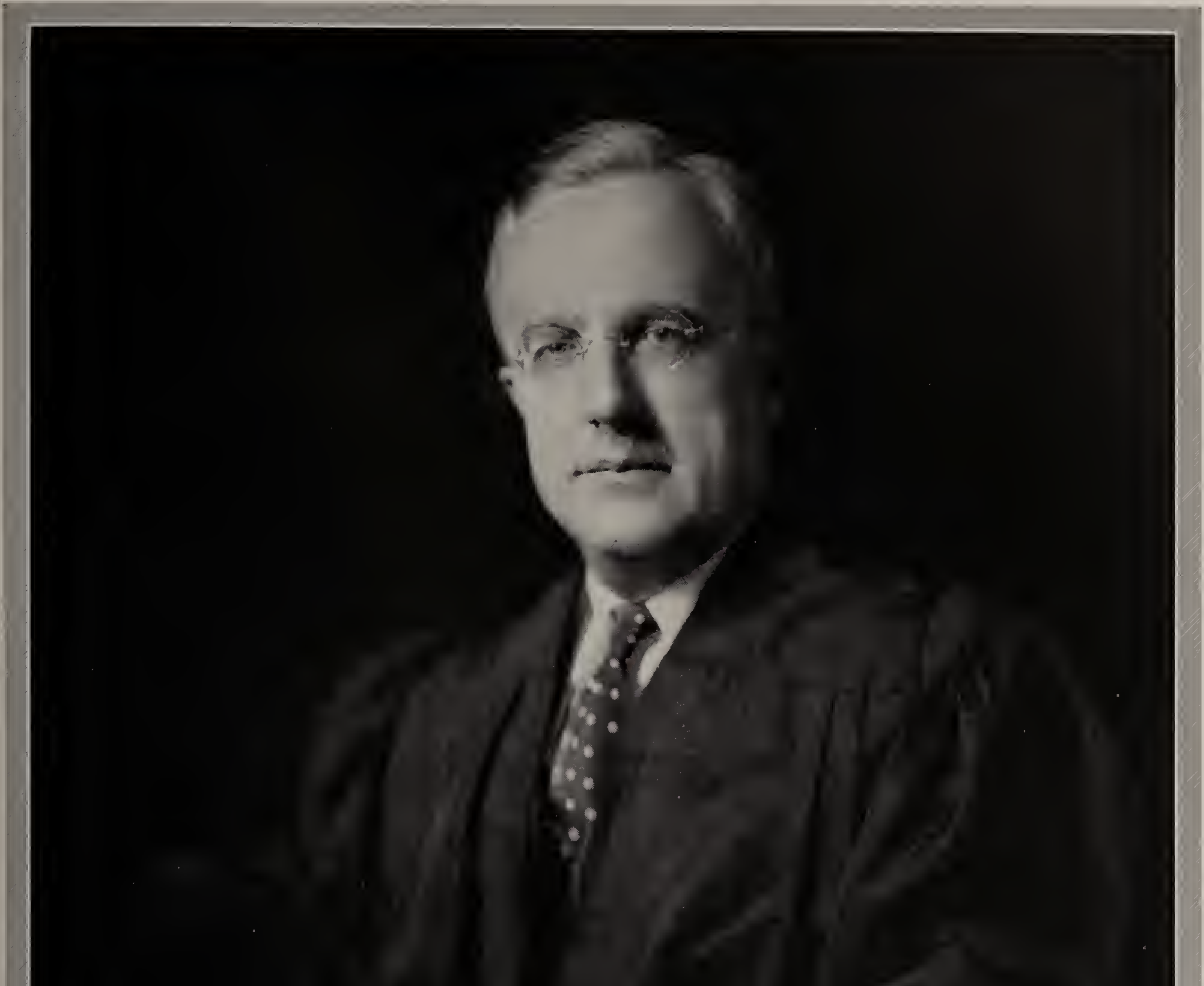
Justice Zoller was born at Little Falls on July 22, 1882, son of Jacob and Mary Van Alstyne (Dygert) Zoller and a grandson of John I. Zoller, of Fords Bush, who was a member of the New York Assembly for two terms. His father, who was also born at Fords Bush on April 15, 1833, and died on January 27, 1907, was a farmer and produce wholesaler, building up an extensive business of butter, eggs and cheese, and for two terms was supervisor of the town of Minden, Montgomery County. The mother, Mary Van Alstyne (Dygert) Zoller, was born in the town of St. Johnsville on December 9, 1842, and died on December 9, 1930. Two of his ancestors, Jacob Zoller and Andrew Zoller, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War and fought in the battle of Oriskany under General Herkimer.

Abram Zoller received his preliminary education in the public schools of Little Falls, where he completed the high school course in 1900, and subsequently entered Williams College, from which he was graduated in 1904. He prepared for his professional career at Harvard Law School, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1907, and in the same year was admitted to the New York and Massachusetts bars. From 1907 to 1930 he was engaged in the active practice of law at Little Falls and at Syracuse. During this period, from 1916 to 1919, inclusive, he served as mayor of Little Falls, being one of the youngest mayors of the State and the first Republican mayor of Little Falls in more than fifteen years. This was the busy period of the World War, but during that time Mr. Zoller was able to accomplish the erection of a new city hall at a cost of about $150,000, and also brought about the motorization of the fire department. He was elected to the office of county judge in November, 1929, and assumed the duties of this office January 1, 1930. In the election of 1933 he was advanced to the Supreme Court bench, taking office on January 1, 1934, for a term of fourteen years.

Justice Zoller is well known in his profession, and the character of his service on the bench has enhanced his stature. He is a member of the New York State and Herkimer Bar associations and in addition to his professional connections is a member of the Herkimer County Historical Society, of which he has served as president for over five years, the Masonic Order, the Service Club and Down and Out Club of Herkimer; and the Theta Delta Chi and Phi Beta Kappa (honorary) fraternities. From 1920 to 1930 he served as a member of the board of managers of the Herkimer County Tuberculosis Hospital, known locally as Pine Crest Sanitorium, having been a member of the original board. From 1929 to 1933, he was a member and for a time president of the Little Falls School Board. He is a member of many years' standing of the local and county grange organizations. He operates a farm of 150 acres near Ford's Bush, in Montgomery County. Justice Zoller is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Paul's Universalist Church at Little Falls. A prominent Universalist layman, he was a member of the State convention of his church for ten years and its president for three years. During the first World War period he served in the War Department at Washington, District of Columbia. Judge Zoller has traveled extensively throughout the United States and has made several trips to Europe.

On November 30, 1933, at Herkimer, Justice Zoller married Muriel Cornelia Schmidt, who was born at Ilion, New York. Their home is at No. 426 North Main Street, Herkimer, New York, on a part of the site of old Fort Dayton.

ARTHUR LEONARD ANDREWS—For many years Arthur Leonard Andrews held a high position as a member of the bar of New York State. Practicing in Albany, he not only distinguished himself by his faithful adherence to the highest principles of legal practice, but extended the scope of his activities to include business and



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corporate interests, as well as a wide variety of civic enterprises to which he wished to contribute of time, energy or material resources. Successful in his work, kind and generous in his attitude toward his many friends and acquaintances, intensely public-spirited and devoted to a life shaped to principles of truth as he saw them, he earned the respect, confidence and affection that were his in such abundant measure.

Mr. Andrews was born April 16, 1855, in Marion, Iowa, son of the late George and Julia Ann (Hooker) Andrews. His father was for years a practicing physician, so continuing until his death in 1895. The mother, a native of Charlton, Massachusetts, died in 1897.

After Arthur Leonard Andrews was graduated from high school at Westfield, Massachusetts, he became a student at Wesleyan University, in Middletown, Connecticut, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1875. In 1878 he was made a Master of Arts by the same institution. Meanwhile, he had begun the study of law in the offices of the law firm of Stedman and Shepard, one of the leading organizations of its kind in Albany. In September, 1877, he was admitted to the bar of New York State, and at once he established himself in practice in association with D. A. Thompson under the firm name of Thompson and Andrews. The relationship continued until 1885, when George L. Stedman became a member of the firm and the style was changed to Stedman, Thompson and Andrews. Mr. Stedman retired from the firm in 1896, whereupon his two partners resumed the former name of Thompson and Andrews, so continuing until 1902. In that year the partnership was dissolved, after which Mr. Andrews carried on an independent practice under his own name.

In addition to his work in the law, Mr. Andrews interested himself in a number of business organizations, first as counsel, then as a director or company official. He was general counsel and a director of the National Commercial & Trust Bank, of Albany, a director of the Consolidated Car Heating Company and the Versare Car Company, secretary of the Tioga Fuel Corporation and the Anthracite Mining Corporation, president of the South Texas Development Corporation, and a director and executive officer in a number of other corporations. A Republican in politics, Mr. Andrews served for twenty-one years, from January 1, 1900, to December 31, 1920, as corporation counsel of Albany, holding that office for a longer period than any other man. Governor Levi P. Morton appointed Mr. Andrews a member of a committee of five, entrusted with preparing a new and standard charter for cities of the second class; and Governor Charles Evans Hughes named him to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. During the World War period, in 1917 and 1918, he was government appeal agent in connection with the national draft for the Albany district.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Andrews belonged to the Albany County Bar Association, of which he was a founder, an incorporator and twice president; the New York State Bar Association, of which he was secretary; and the American Bar Association. In his college years he became a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, and his scholastic attainments won him also election to the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa. In later life he became a member of Masters Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a Past Master, and in the Masonic Order he was affiliated with all Scottish and York Rite bodies, with Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also Past Most Wise Master of Albany Sovereign Chapter, Rose Croix, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he was also active for many years. Mr. Andrews belonged also to the Albany Country Club, the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Club, the University Club, the Capital City Club and Westminster Presbyterian Church (in which he was president of the board of trustees for fifteen years). He was a member of the Unconditional Republican Club of Albany.

Arthur Leonard Andrews married, September 4, 1879, in Albany, New York, Alice Anable, of Albany, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Badgley) Anable. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews became the parents of one son, Harold F. Andrews, born July 4, 1883, in Albany, educated at the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1906, active since that time in one or another phase of business or industrial life, now an architect and engineer in Albany and president of the Andrews Specialty Company. Harold F. Andrews is also active in many civic and social organizations and in the Masonic Order, and in leisure time has distinguished himself in golf, attaining several championships, including New York and Rhode Island State championships, and in almost all the arts—architecture, sculpture, painting, dramatics. He married, in September, 1915, in Cazenovia, New York, Lillian F. Farnham; and they became the parents of several children: Jane, Richard F., Norman B., Doris, and Alan L. Andrews.

The death of Arthur Leonard Andrews, September 15, 1938, was an occasion of profound regret in every quarter in which he was known. Long a valued contributor to the life of Albany in his times, he was respected, admired and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance; and his influence will be felt as a continuing power for good.

ARTHUR WELLS ELTING, M. D., LL. D.—Since the turn of the century, Dr. Arthur Wells Elting has engaged in the practice of surgery in Albany, New York. He was chief surgeon on the staffs of several of the city's hospitals, and moreover has long been professor of surgery in the Albany Medical School, a record sufficient in itself to indicate somewhat his abilities and attainments and their recognition by colleagues and clients. To smaller groups he is also well known for exceptional World War service, humanitarian activities, as a scientist and clubman.

Dr. Elting was born at South Cairo, New York, October 6, 1872, son of Francis and Margaret (Snyder) Elting. He was prepared for higher education at Philips-Exeter Academy, from which he was graduated in 1890. Matriculating at Yale University, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1894. He went to Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, Maryland, for his technical training and was graduated in 1898, a Doctor of Medicine. He also was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, by St. Lawrence University, in 1916.

As already indicated, Dr. Elting has specialized in surgery from the beginning of his career, and began to practice in Albany in 1900. He was well established in his profession and a very busy surgeon, when he offered his services in the United States Army Medical Corps, in 1917, and was immediately assigned the duty of organizing Base Hospital, No. 33. Going overseas with this unit he served abroad with the American Expeditionary Forces in the zone of advance until well after the signing of the Armistice. He received his honorable discharge from the Medical Corps in 1919, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Upon returning to civilian activities, Dr. Elting resumed his professional work which has grown down the years, both in number and scope. He was chief surgeon of Albany Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital, and the Child's Hospital, all of Albany. Over a long period he has been professor of surgery at Albany Medical College. Dr. Elting has rendered exceptionally valuable service to these varied institutions and is as well one of those rare professional men who have learned both by experience and by teaching. Many of his students who have gone far in their profession gladly express their gratitude not alone for instruction received but influence upon their lives and characters exerted by his culture, outlook on affairs and love of out-door sports and common sense living.

Dr. Elting is a trustee and president of the Albany Home for Aged Men; trustee of the Dudley Observatory, Albany; member of the American Board of Surgery since its inception, and is affiliated with the regular medical associations, national and State and local. He is a trustee of the Albany Savings Bank; a Republican in politics, and among his clubs are numbered the Wilderness, Fort Orange, Cascapedia, Boone and Crockett, and Camp Fire, a list of clubs indicative of the breadth of his interests.

At Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on October 24, 1917, Arthur Wells Elting, M. D., married Harriet Corning, daughter of Erastus and Anna (Parker) Corning.

JAMES D. I. HUSBAND—In many capacities James D. I. Husband has served the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., of Amsterdam, of which he is now marketing manager. It was he who built up the necessary sales organization for selling the company's products direct instead of through sales agents, as had been the practice previously, and his originality and administrative ability became exceptionally clear during the period in which he was effecting that important change. He is also a director of the mills.

Mr. Husband was born May 12, 1879, in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of David and Elizabeth (Irvine) Husband, both natives of Scotland and both now deceased. His father was a mechanical engineer. The mother was born on the Orkney Islands, Scotland.

Public schools at Edinburgh, his Scottish birthplace, provided James D. I. Husband's early formal education, and he also studied under the guidance of private tutors at home. He was early associated with J. and W. Campbell, sales agents for manufacturers, at Glasgow, and from 1892 to 1895 was at the branch office of that firm in Edinburgh. Next he connected himself with Robert Balfour & Son, in Glasgow, house furnishings merchants, as a sales representative in the carpet department, so continuing until 1897. Then he was for a time with Wiley & Lochead, Ltd., in Glasgow, Scotland, in a similar capacity, until 1906.

In that year Mr. Husband came to America, at once becoming associated with the W. & J. Sloane Company, of New York, dealers in house furnishings. At first he was a sales representative of this company, though gradually he worked his way up to the positions of assistant manager of the carpet department and still later to that of manager of the domestic rug department. For a considerable period Mr. Husband was responsible for all the Sloane company's steamboat and railroad carpet business, and he made regular trips of a very extensive nature in connection with the cut-to-order carpet business. During his last two years with Sloane company, between 1922 and 1924, Mr. Husband traveled for the wholesale department in the interests of obtaining better grades of chenille and other carpets. Leaving the Sloane firm in 1924, Mr. Husband was, in 1924 and 1925, in charge of the retail floor covering division of J. Kennard & Sons, a St. Louis carpet firm.

His connection with the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., in Amsterdam, New York, began on January 1, 1926, when he took a position as service manager of the company.

So serving until May, 1928, he was then assistant sales manager until 1931, and in 1932, 1933 and 1934 was sales director of the company. From 1934 to 1936 Mr. Husband served as merchandise manager. In 1936 he was appointed to his present position of marketing manager. He is also a director of the Mohawk Mills, having been so appointed on April 25, 1939. His part in bringing the company's policies and practices into line with modern conditions in the carpet industry has been a significant one. Revealing particularly an outstanding ability as an organizer, he was able to create, as indicated above, the sales staff necessary for direct selling of the company's products when the president and directors decided that they wished to adopt this method instead of the former technique of using sales agencies.

In his years of residence in Amsterdam, Mr. Husband has already attained to a prominent place in the community life. He is a Republican in politics. He is a director of the local Young Men's Christian Association and was, at one time, its president. Formerly he was a director of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce, and he belongs also to the Amsterdam Skeet Club, the Rotary Club, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Antlers Country Club, the Amsterdam Fish and Game Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Husband holds life membership in the Thistle and Rose Society, No. 70, at Glasgow, Scotland, and is active in the Order of Scottish Clans. He organized the New Jersey Scottish Highlanders, and was a member of the board of control under whose guidance and direction several companies of Scottish Highlanders were organized. As captain of Company A of the New Jersey Scottish Highlanders, he performed such important and valuable work that he was commissioned colonel of the entire organization. The entire group offered their services during the World War to President Woodrow Wilson, volunteering to go overseas as a unit. Mr. Husband is also a member of Amsterdam Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a director of Fairview Cemetery, Amsterdam. Rug and carpet manufacturing are, with him, a hobby as well as a business. He is active in the Carpet Trade Golf Association, serving on its board of governors, and is a member of the Carpet and Upholstery Club of Chicago. Mr. Husband is also active in Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, being an elder and a trustee of this congregation.

On August 4, 1910, in Glasgow, Scotland, James D. I. Husband married Annie McGibbon, born June 17, 1887, in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of David McGibbon, a native Scotsman, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Husband became the parents of the following children: 1. Irvina Husband, born at Jersey City Heights, New Jersey, died in 1931. 2. James Husband, born also at Jersey City Heights. 3. Rose Husband, born at Closter, New Jersey.

OWEN D. YOUNG—Beginning his career as a lawyer and teacher of law, Owen D. Young, of New York City and Van Hornesville, New York, early formed connections which gave him a profound and intimate knowledge of the growing electrical industry. From the turn of the century onward he gave his attention increasingly to this work, ironing out many difficult problems and resolving trade disputes until he gained the recognition of the president of the General Electric Company. So began the long association of Mr. Young with this great company, of which he is today honorary chairman of the board of directors. His services came to be of much broader import, moreover, extending into the whole realm of national and international finance; and today he has a brilliant record of achievement in business, financial and governmental spheres, and is one of the world's honored citizens.

Mr. Young was born October 27, 1874, in Van Hornesville, New York, son of Jacob Smith and Ida (Brandow) Young. He is of the sixth generation in direct descent from Peter Young, the line proceeding from the original Peter Young through his son, Jacob A. Young; his son, Jacob I. Young; his son, Peter Young; and his son, Jacob Smith Young; to Owen D. Young. The great-grandfather, Jacob I. Young, married Eve Van Horne; and the wife of the grandfather, Peter Young, was Magdalene Smith.

Owen D. Young was reared mainly on the home farm of his family. He attended the district school at Van Hornesville; East Springfield Academy, at East Springfield, New York; and St. Lawrence University, where he was graduated in 1894. Choosing the law as his profession, he took a three-year law course at Boston University in two years, paying his expenses by acting as librarian and tutor in spare time. Graduated as a Bachelor of Laws in 1896, he first practiced in the office of Charles H. Tyler, of Boston, Massachusetts, forming the firm of Tyler and Young in the following year, 1897, and specializing in corporate and public utility law, which he soon mastered.

Between 1897 and 1904 he lectured at Boston University Law School while carrying on his professional practice, and in the course of his work he became acquainted with the electrical engineering firm of Stone & Webster, handling a great deal of their legal work. That connection served to acquaint him intimately with the growing electrical industry, and also to prove to others, who found it all too easy to be held back by continuous wrangling over procedures, that he possessed a remarkable sense of fair play and honest dealing. His candor, directness and even temperament made it possible for him to adjust differences and negotiate the most difficult transactions; and his business acumen especially attracted the attention of Charles A. Coffin, president of the General Electric Company, of Schenectady. When the company's general counsel, Hinsdall Parsons, died in 1912, Mr. Young received the appointment as his successor. At first, after taking office on January 1, 1913, Mr. Young devoted his labors to the general law work of the corporation, systematizing the affairs of his department so thoroughly that it functioned without his daily attention. He utilized the freedom that these arrangements provided him for a deeper study of the company's organization and administration. At a very early period he became particularly concerned with the relationships between employer and employee, and thenceforth he left no stone unturned in his efforts to promote the welfare of the company's workers. His characteristic fairness prevailed in this realm as in his business and professional relationships, with the result that Mr. Young won, undeniably, the confidence of workers, executives, customers, representatives of capital and all others involved in the complex of modern industry. When strikes threatened, everyone turned to Mr. Young for help, and his candor and wisdom and balance solved more than a few threatening situations. In his quiet but insistent way he saw to it that right prevailed in all General Electric Company relationships, and, without in any way seeking to make himself so, he became a practically indispensable figure in the organization as it then existed. When Mr. Coffin asked to be relieved of the heavy burden of the chairmanship of the board of directors, on May 16, 1922, Mr. Young was chosen for this position, to which he rose from the vice-presidency that he had occupied after 1913. He continued as active chairman of the board until 1939, when he was made honorary chairman. Holding this post today, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has effected an organization capable of functioning along sound lines without his constant presence.

His extensive work with the General Electric Company by no means completes the record of his achievement, however; for Mr. Young has interested himself in almost every matter of economic importance and has constantly recognized the growing demand for a world economy to replace the narrower national economies of old. A man working in the electrical and communications industries must, perforce, think in world-wide and not in limited geographical terms. Growing directly out of his General Electric Company activities came Mr. Young's work with the Radio Corporation of America. Negotiations for forming this company began as early as 1915, during the World War, when the British-Marconi Wireless Company, an alien corporation which already dominated wireless communications in the United States, sought to secure from General Electric the rights—preferably exclusive rights—to use of the Alexanderson alternator, a radio sending machine devised by E. F. W. Alexanderson, a General Electric Company employee. This alternator had revolutionized radio communication, and its ownership by General Electric gave the United States radio supremacy. Rear Admiral W. H. G. Bullard and Commander S. C. Hooper, representing the United States Navy Department, appealed to General Electric not to let foreign countries have the right to this alternator. Decision on this matter rested mainly with Mr. Young, as general counsel, who had to choose between patriotism on the one hand and an immediate $4,000,000 worth of business for his company. He chose the patriotic course, suspended negotiations with the British company, and proposed formation of a purely American company that could be an aid to the United States in time of war. That patriotic impulse brought into existence the Radio Corporation of America, of which Mr. Young became chairman of the board of directors at its inception in 1919, so serving until 1929. He was chairman of the executive committee until 1933. He financed the company with $3,000,000 of the funds of General Electric, purchased the controlling interest in the American-Marconi Company from the British-Marconi Company, and brought into cooperation with the Radio Corporation of America and the General Electric Company the forces of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Western Electric Company, the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, the International Radio Telegraph Company (Westinghouse subsidiary) and the Tropical Radio Company (United Fruit Company subsidiary). Each of these companies held inventions and patent rights essential to the new organization; and Mr. Young's organizing genius brought to the beck and call of modern radio science the resources of materials and skills available in the whole of American industry.

In 1921 Mr. Young was the guiding spirit in the development of a South American Radio Industry. In collaboration with the British-Marconi Company, the Radio Corporation of America established the South American Radio Corporation and made plans to construct high-powered stations in the leading South American republics. Soon afterward French and German companies entered the same field in the course of natural nationalistic rivalries. But Mr. Young took the lead in settling the affair amicably by arranging an international conference in Paris, France, among representatives of the four countries mentioned. At that conference—which might well be considered a model technique for adjusting other economic disputes that lie at the basis of present world embroilment—Mr. Young and the conferees agreed to pool the wireless communication rights, concessions and interests of all concerned and to place them in the hands of a board of trustees for joint administration. Under the plan so worked out, national companies were formed in all the South American republics; and the Radio Corporation of America became an instrument for promotion of international harmony.

Back in 1919 he was a member of President Woodrow Wilson's second industrial conference, and in November, 1922, he was made chairman of the American group in the international court of arbitration of trade disputes, a tribunal formed by the International Chamber of Commerce to facilitate settlement of commercial controversies between citizens or firms of different countries. In 1919 and 1920 Mr. Young was also called upon to serve as a director of the French-American Banking Corporation, and from 1917 to 1922 he was a director of the Bankers' Trust Company. In 1924 he became chairman of the executive committee of the "New York Evening Post," an office to which he was elected. He also became a class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in 1923, and was made deputy chairman of its board in 1927. Mr. Young likewise became an executive committeeman of the Electric Bond & Share Company, one of the leading utilities organizations of the United States, and was chosen a director of the Dallas Electric Company, the Buffalo General Electric Company, the General Motors Corporation and the International General Electric Company, Inc., as well as an executive committeeman of the Adirondack Power & Light Corporation.

Mr. Young's World War services were noteworthy. Even more valuable were the works that he performed later. After aiding in President Wilson's efforts to reestablish some sort of international order out of chaos, Mr. Young served as a member of President Harding's conference on unemployment in 1921, as unofficial adviser of the London Conference of Premiers in 1924, as a member of the National Distribution Conference in 1924, as chairman of the committee on unemployment and business cycles in 1922, and chairman of the American division of the Geneva Federation in 1925. His contribution to the reparations problem following the World War of 1914-1918 was in itself a tremendously important work. It was in December, 1923, that Mr. Young was invited by the Reparation Commission to be a member of the special committee of experts working on this problem in Paris. General Charles G. Dawes was chairman of the committee, on which were represented England, France, Italy and Belgium. This committee investigated methods of best balancing the German budget and stabilizing German currency, and in January, 1924, interviewed leading Germans, both government leaders and industrialists. Owen D. Young and Henry M. Robinson were General Dawes' assistants on the American committee. In August, 1924, Mr. Young was named first agent general for reparation, and he accepted for a three-month period to get the work under way. The Dawes plan was afterward recognized to be in large measure a result of Mr. Young's work and thought. He was particularly fitted for the task because of his international financial and business experience in connection with the Radio Corporation of America.

Described by one writer as "the harmonizer par excellence," Owen D. Young particularly proved his talent along these lines in his work toward perfection of the Dawes-Young plan, as that international agreement eventually came to be known. The purpose of the plan was to provide for reparation payments through balancing the German budget and stablizing the shaky German currency. The Allies and Germany were to coöperate along lines of mutual interest. A loan of $200,000,000 was made to establish a new bank of issue, stabilize the currency and meet the first year's reparation payments. An agent general for reparation payments, with five experts, composed an international committee to handle the affairs of the bank of issue and to control internal German revenues from customs, alcohol, tobacco, beer and sugar; and Owen D. Young was the agent general.

In addition to all his other international activities, Mr. Young figured prominently in the Democratic party's pronouncements on the crucial League of Nations issue at the national Democratic convention of 1924 in New York. A plank prepared by him and eventually agreed upon by the platform committee stated that the United States had for four years been without any foreign policy and so had been instrumental in delaying the restoration of sound political and economic relationships among nations. He urged against injecting the League as a direct issue in the campaign, but proposed that a national referendum be taken on the League issue independently, free from domestic policies and personal candidacies. The Democratic platform thereupon advocated such a referendum declaring whether the people favored the Nation's entry into the League with such reservations as the President and the Senate should agree upon.

Mr. Young has continued since that time his unceasing participation in economic and public affairs. In 1928 he was a member of the Committee on Recent Economic Changes, as well as honorary economic advisor to the Chinese Nationalist Government. In 1929 he was chairman of the second Committee of Experts appointed by the Reparation Commission. In 1931 he became chairman of the Committee on Mobilization of Relief Resources of President Hoover's Organization for Unemployment Relief. Afterward he became chairman of the banking and industrial committee of the Second Federal Reserve District, a member of the Central Banking and Industrial Committee of 1932, and a member of the National Advisory Council of the National Youth Administration. He was a councillor of the National Industrial Conference

Board, chairman from 1925 to 1928 of the International Chamber of Commerce, and a trustee of St. Lawrence University from 1912 to 1934 and president after 1924. He is today an executive committeeman of the National Industrial Conference Board, and the Leonard Wood Memorial Foundation and the League of Nations Association, a member of the board of regents of New York State, a member of the visiting committee of the Harvard University Library and the National Advisory Board of the Yale Institute of Human Relations, and a member of a number of important organizations. These include the Bar Association of the City of Boston, the New York State Bar Association, the Massachusetts State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Philosophical Society, the Bibliophile Society, the Pilgrims of the United States, the Harvard Club, the Manhattan Club, the Grolier Club, the University Club (of New York), and the Tavern Club and the Club of Odd Volumes (of Boston). He is an honorary member of the Engineers' Club of New York and a member of the Mohawk Club of Schenectady, and the Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. From 1932 to 1935 he was chairman of the Phi Beta Kappa Foundation. He has also served as a director of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 1923 Mr. Young was gold medallist of the National Institute of Social Sciences, and in 1929 was similarly honored by the Roosevelt Memorial Association. In 1921 he was awarded the decoration of the Order of the Rising Sun of Japan; in 1924 he was made commander of the Legion of Honor of France; in 1925 he was made commander of the Order of Leopold of Belgium, and received the decoration of the First Order of the German Red Cross; and in 1930 received the Grand Cross of the Crown of Belgium. In the course of his distinguished career Mr. Young has also received a number of honorary degrees and academic honors. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Union College, Schenectady, in 1922; Tufts, Harvard and Dartmouth in 1924; Johns Hopkins, Colgate, Yale and Columbia, 1925; Rutgers, Princeton and Lehigh. 1926; Brown University and the University of the State of New York, 1928; Hamilton College, 1929; University of California, 1930; Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, 1931; Notre Dame University. 1932: Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, 1933; University of Nebraska, 1934; and Marietta College, 1935. He was awarded his degree of Bachelor of Laws from Boston University in 1896 and was made Doctor of Humane Letters by St. Lawrence University in 1923. He was also made a Doctor of Letters by Rollins College in 1936 and a Doctor of Commercial Science by New York University in 1927, and by Syracuse University in 1940.

On June 30, 1898, Owen D. Young married Josephine Sheldon Edmonds, of Southbridge, Massachusetts, who is now deceased, daughter of Charles Sidney and Alpha Josephine (Hobbs) Edmonds, also now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Young became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Jacob Young, born December 17, 1899; married, in 1929, Esther Marie Christensen, daughter of Niels A. Christensen, of Cleveland, Ohio. 2. John Young, born August 13, 1902, now deceased. 3. Josephine Young, born February 16, 1907. 4. Philip Young, born May 9, 1910; married (second) Mrs. Louise P. Clark. 5. Richard Young born June 23, 1919.

JUDGE EDWIN R. CAMPBELL—Since he began the practice of law at Schenevus in the early years of the century, Edwin R. Campbell has been active both at the bar and in public life. He has held several elective and appointive offices and is now serving his second term as judge of the Surrogate's Court of Otsego County.

Judge Campbell was born in Cherry Valley, this county. on July 27, 1876, a son of James S. and Mary E. (Lane) Campbell. His father, a farmer, was born at Cherry Valley in 1843 and died on February 22, 1886. His mother was born in what is now the town of Roseboom in 1841 and died on July 1, 1900.

Edwin R. Campbell attended the district school in Cherry Valley, Lancaster School in the same town and Schenevus High School, from which he was graduated in 1893. During the following eight years he taught in the district schools of Otsego County. At the end of this time he turned from the field of education to enter the law office of Oscar F. Lane at Schenevus, where he read for the bar. In 1904 he was admitted to practice and opened his own office at Schenevus. Since he became a member of the bar, his practice and interests have centered here. Judge Campbell quickly established his professional reputation. He has represented important interests during the course of years and has appeared successfully in all courts. In addition, he has to his credit a long record of public service.

Judge Campbell was justice of the peace of the town of Roseboom for about two years, acted as census enumerator for the town of Roseboom during the Federal Census of 1900 and for approximately four years was a member of the Schenevus School Board. In 1922 and 1923 he was supervisor of the town of Schenevus and member of the County Board of Supervisors. In 1923 he was elected district attorney of Otsego County, taking office on January 1, 1924, and continuing as district attorney until December 31, 1929. Judge Campbell's election as surrogate followed in November, 1934. He ascended the bench in January, 1935, to serve a six-year term and in November, 1940, was reëlected judge of the Surrogate's Court of Otsego County, over which he is now presiding for a second term.

Judge Campbell is a member of the Otsego County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association and has many other interests in addition to his professional connections. He is a director of the Schenevus National Bank; secretary and treasurer of the Schenevus Village Water Works Company; director of the Otsego County Children's Society; and a member of a number of fraternal orders, including Schenevus Valley Lodge, No. 592, Free and Accepted Masons; Oneonta Lodge, No. 1312, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Manaho Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Schenevus. Throughout his career in this community he has been associated with its principal civic institutions and enterprises. Judge Campbell is a Republican in politics.

On April 13, 1916, he married Flora Hawver, of Schenevus, daughter of William Hawver.

ALMOND CRAMER—Practicing law in Cherry Valley, Almond Cramer is one of his community's honored and respected citizens.

Mr. Cramer was born October 15, 1872, in Cherry Valley, New York, son of James and Mary Catherine (Sitts) Cramer. His father, born in the town of Stark, Herkimer County, was active in farming operations until his death. The mother was born in the town of McComb, St. Lawrence County, New York, and is now also deceased.

Public schools of Cherry Valley provided Almond Cramer's early formal education, and he also attended Cherry Valley Academy and Cherry Valley High School. After graduation from Albany Business College, he taught for two years in Cherry Valley's school system, then read law with the Barnum Brothers law firm, in this place, to prepare himself for his profession. Admitted to the New York State bar in April, 1909, he at once began his practice of law, and is now engaged in general practice in Cherry Valley. He belongs to the Otsego County Bar Association and other professional groups.

A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Cramer served for two terms, in 1908 and 1909, as supervisor of the town of Cherry Valley, and for nine years he was postmaster, serving under appointment of President Woodrow Wilson. He has always taken an active interest in education and at present is president of the Board of Education of Central School District, No. 1, which he helped organize, and has held the office since 1939. He is a charter member of the Cherry Valley Rotary Club, and is an active fraternalist. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Cherry Valley Lodge, No. 334, Royal Arch Chapter, and the Commandery of Knights Templar, and is an initiate in Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of Oneonta Lodge, No. 1312, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, where he has been a vestryman since 1920.

Almond Cramer married, in August, 1905, Abigail R. Walton, of Cherry Valley, New York, daughter of George A. and Anna Walton. The following are the children of this marriage: 1. Anne Maude Cramer, born January 10, 1907, graduated in 1929 from Syracuse University as a Bachelor of Science, now a teacher. 2. Leonard W. Cramer, born February 21, 1909, graduated in 1930 as a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University and afterward as a Bachelor of Laws from Albany Law School. Admitted to the bar in 1938, he became associated with his father in the practice of law in Cherry Valley. He is also postmaster of Cherry Valley.

GEORGE J. DANN—Dr. George J. Dann has been for two score and four years in the service of the schools and in his time has contributed materially to the cause of education, especially in New York State.

Born in Walton, New York, March 13, 1874, he attended the public schools there and after he was graduated from high school studied and finished with a degree of Bachelor of arts at Union College, Schenectady.

His first experience as a teacher was in Delhi Academy where, incidentally, he taught in the same room where Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes was an earlier teacher. From Delhi he went to Hobart High School as principal for two years. This was followed by four years at Liberty and five years at Cobleskill, succeeded by a principalship at Roslyn, Long Island, and from that position he was called in the spring of 1910 to the superintendency at Oneonta and his more than thirty years tenure of that responsible office is the longest period one man has held such a position in the Empire State at the present time.

Outside of his school work, or perhaps more properly considered, in connection with it, he has been active as a public speaker, and a popular one, having been invited to appear on programs in nearly every community in central New York. Among his subjects were: "The Cost of Liberty," "The Pilgrims," "The Value of the Social Studies in a Democracy," "The Oregon Trail," "Lincoln's Place in History," "Theodore Roosevelt—His Contribution to Americanism," "Calvin Coolidge," "The American Cabinet System," "Our Boy," "Work, Play and Drudgery in the Educational Program," "Character or Efficiency," "The Teacher and His Method." In 1914 New York University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy, at which time his thesis was "Children's Interest in Geographic Content." From 1914 to 1918 he was a Chautauqua lecturer and superintendent in Ohio, New York, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Other honors have been conferred on him in the scholastic field. In 1920 he was made president of the Southern Zone, State Teachers Association and that year, at the close of twenty years' service, the City Board of Education of Oneonta, the teaching staff and employees had a painting of him made and hung in the office of the board of education. In 1931 Dr. Dann was made president of the Council of City Superintendents of the State of New York.

He is a student but no recluse and has found time to participate in church and fraternal activities. In 1921 he was elected High Priest of Oneonta Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; in 1922 Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; in 1926 president of the Oneonta Club; in 1927 president of the Rotary Club. From 1912 to 1920 Dr. Dann was appointed superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Methodist Church, of which he has been a devoted member throughout his thirty years' residence in Oneonta. He was chairman of the Liberty Loan program, the four-minute organization and kindred work from 1917 to 1919.

Thus in education, in religion, in patriotic endeavors, in fraternal life, he has been a foremost figure held in affection and esteem by students, and by the city at large.

REV. ARTHUR A. CUNNINGHAM—Rev. Arthur A. Cunningham has been ordained priest of the Catholic Church for more than a quarter of a century, and after a chaplaincy and a post in various churches is now doing good from a pastorate at Oneonta.

He was born at Albany on December 27, 1885, son of the late John J. Cunningham and Mary (O'Brien) Cunningham, both deceased and buried at Albany. The father was a stationary engineer for a score of years in the western part of the capitol. The son was educated in Albany's public schools, at St. Charles College in Ellicott City, Maryland, at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, New York, and was finally ordained in the Cathedral at Albany on June 6, 1914, being then twenty-eight years of age.

His first service after graduation was as chaplain at Troy, New York, Hospital from 1914 to 1915. In 1915 and 1916 he was an assistant priest at St. Patrick's of Albany and from 1917 to 1921 performed similar duties at St. Mary's Church in Albany but in the latter year he was given greater responsibilities as pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Johnsville, New York, where he ministered from 1921 to 1938, and then, as reward for long and faithful service, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's at Oneonta and acts, too, as principal of St. Mary's School.

Father Cunningham is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is intensely interested in the all-round development of children and is a committeeman of the Otschodela Boy Scouts of America. Religion and athletics are not usually associated together in the public mind but the Rev. Arthur A. Cunningham is an exponent of both. He is a member of the Canadian American Baseball League and is vice-president of the Oneonta Sports Club. Nothing more endears an adult to youth than a sincere interest in their games and pastimes and his natural affinity for sports makes the reverend father as popular a figure with the adolescents as he is with the mature members of his flock, and of other congregations also.

NELSON GREENE—Nelson Greene and his wife, Lillian Currier Steinert Greene, a talented painter, are residents at No. 5 West Street, Fort Plain, where Mr. Greene has written most of his historical works relative to the Hudson and Mohawk valleys. Mr. Greene is a son of Horace L. Greene and Anna Lydia Beach Greene. On his father's side he is descended from Ambrose Greene, a Revolutionary soldier, who settled in Danube, Herkimer County, New York, about 1790; and also from Captain George Herkimer and his wife Alida Schuyler. George Herkimer commanded a company at the battle of Oriskany, where his brother, General Nicholas Herkimer, was mortally wounded.

Mr. Greene studied art in New York City and for years carried on the dual profession of artist and writer. In 1914 Mr. Greene wrote a booklet on the "Home and Name of General Nicholas Herkimer" for private distribution. His "Story of Old Fort Plain and the Middle Mohawk Valley" was published in 1915.

In 1923 Mr. Greene discontinued his painting and drawing and began work on his four-volume "History of the Mohawk Valley, Gateway of the West," which was published in 1925. His "Old Mohawk Turnpike Book" had publication in 1924. Mr. Greene's four-volume "History of the Mohawk Valley—River of Destiny" had publication in 1931.

In 1925 Nelson Greene became editor of the "Fort Plain Standard" and, with the exception of two years, has continued in that position ever since. He has written numerous articles and newspaper stories on the history of the Mohawk Valley and its features, which have had State and country-wide publication.

Mr. Greene was one of the founders of the Fort Plain Community Club (1925) and the Mohawk Valley Towns Association in 1926. He has been publicity secretary of the latter organization for the past ten years. Mr. Greene has long been interested in aviation and is chairman of the Fort Plain Aviation Committee. He is a member of the Prospect Hill Park Commission of Fort Plain and Historical Secretary of the Mohawk Valley Historical Association.

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During the first World War Mr. Greene was a member of the 9th Coast Artillery Regiment, New York Guard (1917-21) of New York City—now the 244th Coast Artillery, New York National Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Haring, of Grandview-on-Hudson. Mrs. Greene maintains a studio in her home and has painted many notable portraits and landscapes. Mr. Greene has many drawings of historical subjects of the Mohawk Valley during the past ten years.

DANIEL V. McNAMEE, Sr.—As a lawyer and judge, Daniel V. McNamee, Sr., of Hudson, long rendered valuable service to the Capital Region of this State. He was widely known as a justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, Third Judicial Department.

Judge McNamee was born October 13, 1874, in Chatham, Columbia County, New York, son of James and Mary (Casey) McNamee.

Public schools of Chatham furnished his early formal education, and he studied, too, for a time in the schools of Philmont, also in Columbia County. He then became a student at Claverack College and the Hudson River Institute, and in 1898 took the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Yale University. Meanwhile, he had begun his active career as a teacher in public schools, so serving between 1894 and 1896. He started his practice of law in December, 1899, at Philmont and Hudson, confining his work to Hudson after 1901. As a practitioner he figured in a number of highly important cases and won the approbation of some of the leading citizens of his district, so growing into the life of his community and of the Capital Region in a natural way and to the fullest degree.

From 1913 to 1919 he served as a Columbia County judge, distinguishing himself in that position in such a way that other appointments followed. From 1926 to 1929 Judge McNamee was manager of the New York State Training School for Girls, at Hudson, being so appointed by Governor Alfred E. Smith. On March 1, 1929, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him a justice of the Supreme Court of New York, Third Judicial District, and he was elected in November for a term of fourteen years, beginning in January, 1930. Governor Roosevelt named him an associate justice of the court on January 1, 1932, and Judge McNamee was reappointed an associate justice by Governor Herbert H. Lehman on January 1, 1937.

Distinguishing himself by fairness, impartiality and august dignity, Judge McNamee splendidly graced his high office. And in many other ways he also contributed to the life of the community and district in which he lived. He was chairman of the Home Defense Committee and of the Columbia County legal advisory board set up in connection with the selective service draft act during the World War period of 1917-18. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Yale Club of New York, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Roman Catholic Church. Adding authorship and editorship to his other accomplishments, Judge McNamee was compiler and editor of a book entitled "Columbia County in the World War," containing one thousand four hundred biographies and one thousand portraits of soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses of the county who served during the World War. A notable characteristic of Judge McNamee was his deep interest in education, and he did everything that he considered in keeping with the American ideal to further the training of the young. At the time of his death he had the unusual distinction of having five children doing college and university work at the same time.

Judge Daniel V. McNamee, Sr., married, October 30, 1901, in Chatham, New York, Susan F. Dardis. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Elinore McNamee, prepared for college at Kenwood, in Albany, took her degree of Bachelor of Arts at Manhattanville College, New York City, and her degree of Bachelor of Laws at Columbia University, in that city. She passed the State bar examination and was admitted to practice in 1941. 2. Clare McNamee, studied at Kenwood and at Manhattanville College, continuing there until her marriage. On September 15, 1932, she married Daniel J. McMahon, a lawyer of New York City. They are the parents of two daughters: i. Susan. ii. Mary Lee. 3. Lauree McNamee, studied at Kenwood and at Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts, where she took up the art of interpretive speech and received the degree of Bachelor of Letters, then received the degree of Master of Arts at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 4. Daniel V. McNamee, Jr., studied at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, then took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Yale University, the degree of Master of Arts at Oxford, England, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Yale. 5. Jean McNamee, prepared at Hudson and in the Knox School, of Cooperstown, now a student at Cornell University. 6. Roger McNamee, studied at Hudson and at the Lebanon School (now the Darrow School), in Columbia County; doing pre-medical work at the University of Virginia at the time of writing.

The death of Judge McNamee removed from the Capital Region one of its long-established citizens and one who had effectively contributed to the life of the times in which he lived. He will be remembered with deep warmth of affection, and the influence of his life will continue to be felt as a power for good through the years of the yet unfolded future.

LEWIS EDWARD McNAMEE—After an exceptionally thorough preparation for his profession, Lewis Edward McNamee initiated a general practice of the law in the city of Hudson, New York, where he has since risen to prominence. He engages in many organizational activities, and contributes constructively to many phases of community life and affairs.

Mr. McNamee was born at Philmont, Columbia County, New York, April 13, 1904, son of James and Caroline (Avalt) McNamee, his father being a manufacturer of textiles. After receiving his elementary and secondary education in the public grade and high schools of Amsterdam, New York, Lewis Edward McNamee entered Fordham University, New York City, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1925. For his professional education he went to the Law School of Yale University, from where he was graduated in 1928, a Bachelor of Laws. In January, 1929, he was admitted to the bar in Hudson, and since that time has been engaged in a general practice in this city. In 1938 and 1939, in addition to his other activities, he was corporation counsel of Hudson. He is a member of the Columbia County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Other connections include the Book and Gavel, Calhoun Chapter, Phi Alpha Delta, Yale University, office of justice or president.

Mr. McNamee is also active in the Hudson Kiwanis Club, of which he was formerly president, and is a leading figure in both the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as in the Lion's Club. He belongs also to the Yale Club of New York and the Columbia Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and Lodge No. 787, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

At Baltimore, Maryland, on February 20, 1928, Lewis Edward McNamee married Ruth Virginia Jackman, daughter of Charles Augustus and Sarah (Roberts) Jackman, of Pelham Manor, New York. Mr. and Mrs. McNamee are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Louise McNamee, born August 13, 1930. 2. Lewis Edward McNamee, Jr., born April 12, 1932.

GEARY ANSON WILMOT—Since 1937, Geary Anson Wilmot, of Cooperstown, has served as county clerk of Otsego County. He was elected to this post after long experience as deputy county clerk and brings to his work a wide knowledge of the office and its duties.

Mr. Wilmot was born in East Springfield, New York, on October 3, 1899, son of Walter E. and Christie B. (Scott) Wilmot. His father, who was born at Cherry Valley on September 1, 1865, is a carpenter. His mother was born at Roseboom on May 17, 1866.

Geary Anson Wilmot was educated in the public schools of East Springfield, where he completed the high school course in 1918, and at Albany Business College, from which he was graduated in 1920. In the latter year he entered the law office of the firm of Cooke and Basinger, at Cooperstown, reading law in preparation for the bar. In 1921 he was appointed deputy in the Otsego County clerk's office under W. I. Smith and continued in the same capacity under Chester T. Backus and W. O. Hintermister, rounding out a total of thirteen years as deputy county clerk. In 1936 he was nominated by the Republican party for county clerk, was successful in the election and took office in 1937 for a three-year term. His qualifications as an experienced and capable official commanded the support of the electorate, and the character of his administration justified the confidence reposed in him. In 1939 he was reëlected and in 1940 took office for a second term of three years, which he is now serving.

Mr. Wilmot is influential in Republican politics and has been active in civic affairs at Cooperstown and in a number of the principal local organizations. He is a director of the Tri-County Motor Club, an affiliate of the American Automobile Association, and is affiliated fraternally with Oneonta Lodge, No. 1312, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Wilmot is also a prominent Episcopal layman, playing an active rôle in the Cooperstown Episcopal Church. Gardening is his favorite hobby.

On February 7, 1921, he married Catherine Clark Crain, of Springfield Center, New York, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Mulroy) Crain. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot have two children: Geary Anson, Jr., born May 18, 1922; and Catherine E., born May 6, 1931.

RAY FORD POLLARD—In completing a quarter of a century as manager of the Schoharie County Farm Bureau, Ray Ford Pollard has set a record for consecutive service which makes him the senior county agricultural agent in this State.

Mr. Pollard was born at Nanticoke, Broome County, on January 8, 1887, son of B. M. and Theda (Ford) Pollard, both natives of Broome County. His father was a farmer. His mother is now living at Whitney Point.

Ray Ford Pollard spent the first eighteen years of his life on the various farms operated by his father. Meanwhile, he attended the local public schools and in 1904 was graduated from Whitney Point High School. In 1905 he was graduated from the Teachers' Training Class of the same school and in the fall of 1905 taught district school. From 1906 to 1911, Mr. Pollard was associated with a milk company. At the end of this time he entered

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Cornell University, where he completed the course in the College of Agriculture in 1915. In July of the latter year he was appointed county agricultural agent for Oneida County and continued as such until the end of October, when he returned to Cornell for further study in the Graduate School. On April 1, 1916, he came to Schoharie County as manager of the County Farm Bureau, then newly organized with the help of the Cobleskill Board of Trade and the Grange. Since its organization, Mr. Pollard has been in full charge of the work of the bureau, whose average membership has been approximately eight hundred a year throughout this period. His contributions to the progress of agriculture in Schoharie County have been substantial and his long record of service has made him not only the oldest county argicultural agent, but one of the best known in the State.

Mr. Pollard is a member of County, State and National granges and has served as Master of the Rock District and Schoharie granges and as County Deputy for two years. He has been very much interested in local history, an interest evidenced by his present service as vice-president of the Schoharie County Historical Society. Mr. Pollard is also a member of Cobleskill Lodge, No. 394, Free and Accepted Masons. He has been active in the general life of Cobleskill, where he makes his home, and has been associated with virtually all community institutions and enterprises. In 1937 he received from Cornell University the degree of Master of Science. In November, 1940, Mr. Pollard published a volume he had written entitled "Warm Chimneys," the first edition of five hundred being completely exhausted. He has also been a contributor to the WGY farm program for twelve years, having made over 140 talks.

On June 11, 1920, Ray Ford Pollard married Bernice M. Parsons, of Sharon Springs, daughter of the late George A. Parsons and of Emma (Gordon) Parsons, who still lives on the old home farm at Sharon Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Pollard are the parents of four children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born January 18, 1922, a sophomore in the College of Home Economics at Cornell University. 2. Ray Ford, Jr., born January 23, 1924, a freshman in the College of Mechanical Engineering, Cornell University. 3. Helen Loraine, born May 19, 1925, a member of the junior class at the Cobleskill High School. 4. Charles Lyman, born November 23, 1926, now a sophomore in the same institution.

JOHN ROSS BEACH—The broad background of business experience that John Ross Beach had prior to 1933 made his work with the National Sprakers Bank after that year of special value. He is now president of this financial institution and a leading figure in the life of Canajoharie, as well as of Palatine Bridge, where he lives.

Mr. Beach was born November 7, 1869, in Palatine Bridge, New York, son of John C. and Emily (McKnight) Beach, both natives of New York State. The father, a manufacturer at Palatine Bridge and long an active Republican in his district, was born at Charlton, Saratoga County, July 15, 1833, and died in June, 1928. The mother, also a native of Charlton, is also now deceased.

John Ross Beach attended Palatine Bridge public schools, and was graduated from high school here. At Palatine Bridge he had also his first business experience, associating himself with J. C. Beach & Company, cider and vinegar manufacturers. This firm was organized by his father in 1868. From 1885 to 1895 the father and son were partners in this business. Then John Ross Beach went to Kansas, where he was in business in the oil industry for about thirteen years. After a variety of experience in the commercial and industrial world, he returned to New York State in 1916, and from that year to 1928 was connected with the Certo Corporation, in Fairport, having charge of the mechanical end of the business. He conducted the plant, served as a director of the company, and was in many ways one of the very important figures in the business until it was merged into the General Foods Corporation, becoming the Certo division of that great enterprise. Then Mr. Beach retired from his active endeavors.

In 1933 he turned his attention once more, however, to new business activity, becoming one of the organizers of the National Sprakers Bank, in Canajoharie. Becoming president of this bank, he has continued in this office down to the time of writing, and also serves on the board of directors. Mr. Beach is a member of the New York State Bankers' Association and the American Bankers' Association. Politically he is a Republican. He is president of the Canajoharie Country Club and a member of the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the New York State Historical Society and the Reformed Church.

John Ross Beach married, December 8, 1929, at Palatine Bridge, New York, Carrie G. Frey, a native of Palatine Bridge, daughter of Augustus B. and Henrietta (Swift) Frey, likewise natives of this place. Ludlow F. Beach, the son of a previous marriage to Helen Frey, was also born in Palatine, New York.

CARL J. PETERSON—A native son of Canajoharie and associated practically throughout his business career with the Beech-Nut Packing Company here, Carl

J. Peterson is at the time of writing assistant vice-president in charge of credits and all sales offices.

Mr. Peterson was born September 16, 1890, in Canajoharie, New York, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Yops) Peterson. His parents were both born in Germany, and his father was a farmer by occupation and a Republican in politics.

Canajoharie schools furnished Carl J. Peterson's early formal education, and after completing his studies in the First School District of the city he studied at the local high school, where he was graduated in 1909. Attending the Albany Business College for a time, he became associated at an early period in his career with the Beech-Nut Packing Company here as a clerk in the credit department. Later he was advanced to assistant credit manager as his abilities came to be recognized. In 1921 Mr. Peterson was made credit manager. His present titles in the company organization are assistant vice-president, assistant secretary, and general credit manager, and he is in charge of credits and all sales offices of the company.

Making his home in Canajoharie, Mr. Peterson takes a deep interest in local affairs. He is a Republican in his political views, and is active in the Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce, the Antlers Country Club, the Fort Rensselaer Club, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Golf is his favorite outdoor recreation.

Mr. Peterson married, May 18, 1915, in Canajoharie, New York, Evelyn Gariepy, a native of Belleville, Ontario, Canada, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gariepy, of Montreal and St. Anne, respectively. She passed away in Canajoharie on April 20, 1941.

EDWARD WINSLOW LEE CRANNELL—Almost half a century ago, Edward G. and William W. Crannell entered business at Voorheesville, Albany County, as dealers in lumber, coal, hardware, paint and builders' supplies. In 1916 they separated, Edward G. taking over the branch established in Altamont, now owned by W. G. Ackerman, and William W., remaining at Voorheesville. Edward G. sold the business at Altamont to Mr. Ackerman and established himself in the same line at Delmar.

Edward W. L. Crannell was born at Altamont, Albany County, on August 15, 1907, son of Edward G. and Evelyn (Lee) Crannell. His father was born in Albany in October, 1881, and recently retired. Edward G. Crannell has been a prominent Mason for many years and a member of the various higher Masonic bodies, including the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Evelyn (Lee) Crannell, the mother, was born in Johnstown in April, 1882, and died on January 13, 1939.

Edward W. L. Crannell was educated at Albany Academy and Manlius School and also completed a course at Albany Business College. In 1924 he became associated with his father at Delmar. About 1935 this business was combined with the F. F. Crannell Company of Albany and jointly operated until April 1, 1940, when Edward W. L. Crannell took over as sole owner and has since continued its operation. Products handled by the firm are distributed throughout a considerable area. Under present management, traditional standards of the business are maintained, the progressive outlook which has made possible the continued growth of the company. Six people are now employed.

Mr. Crannell is a member of the Kiwanis Club at Delmar, where he makes his home, and a member of many other local organizations, including the Albany Junior Chamber of Commerce. His successful record and present responsibilities make him well known among the younger business men of the county. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and in addition to this connection is a member of the Normanside Club Corporation, the Aurania Club, the Albany Spaniel Club and the Helderberg Ski Club. Mr. Crannell is a skiing enthusiast and has also made a hobby of breeding dogs. Bowling is another favorite recreation. He is independent in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. In earlier years he served an enlistment in Troop B of the Cavalry, New York National Guard.

On August 23, 1932, at Peru, New York, Mr. Crannell married Christine Greenleaf, who was born at Newburgh, daughter of Edwin H. and Jessie Greenleaf. They are the parents of three children: Diane, born in Albany, December 20, 1933; Lynn, born in Albany, on November 7, 1935; and Winslow, born in Albany, July 28, 1938.

DUANE P. SPRAKER—With the business, civic and social circles of Sharon Springs, Duane P. Spraker has been identified with increasing prominence for nearly a third of a century, or since his youth. Born in the town of Cherry Valley, New York, January 24, 1888, he is the son of James and Lana (Wiles) Spraker, both natives of this section of New York. His American ancestors of the seventeenth century were three brothers who came from Holland and located at Palatine Bridge, New York. One of these later went to Cherry Valley, and from him Duane P. Spraker, of this record, is descended.

Mr. Spraker completed his education a few years after the turn of the century and became interested in the automobile, then just coming into popular favor. The cars of that time were practically hand made and not reliable, and Mr. Spraker left the farm to engage in repair work on the horseless carriages, and to sell them whenever he could find a customer willing to pay a large price for a vehicle of doubtful utility. By 1908 he was thoroughly sold on the automotive industry and moved to Sharon Springs where he established a public garage and sales business on the "Great Western Turnpike." Spraker's Garage became widely and favorably known. His establishment, near the corner of Main Street, won a reputation for skilled work and good service. Expansion and change have come with the years and the proprietor's time is fully taken by his motor business. He has the agency for Chrysler, Plymouth and Packard cars, and operates a wholesale gasoline and oil distribution concern at Cobleskill, under the trade name, Spraker & Son.

Mr. Spraker has always found time to be a good citizen, and to contribute to the welfare of the communities in which he has lived. He is senior member of the village board of trustees, having served for fourteen years, and was mayor of Sharon Springs one term. He is a Democrat, influential in party councils. For several years he was a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 624, Sharon Springs, Free and Accepted Masons.

On June 1, 1911, Duane P. Spraker married Grace Planck Elaget, daughter of Edward and Emma (Planck) Elaget. Mrs. Spraker's great-great-grandfather, Adam Planck, born in 1749, was a German who came from the province of Württemberg about the middle of the eighteenth century; his wife came from Nassau. From Württemberg, Adam Planck came to London, from London to New York, and from New York he journeyed up the Hudson and the Mohawk Valley as far as Fonda. There he was attracted by Sir William Johnson's promises of land to come to Johnstown and accordingly obtained a farm of 170 acres southwest of Johnstown, where he and his wife lived for the remainder of his life. They had a large family of seven sons, the youngest of whom was Godfrey Planck. Godfrey Planck, born in 1779 and died in 1846, was a farmer near Sharon Springs, New York. His wife's maiden name was Charity Schaefer and their children were: Adam, Philip, John, Eliza, Alpha, Katie. Adam Planck was born October 4, 1810, and died September 15, 1881. He and his son-in-law, Edward Elaget, farmed his section of the old Planck farm of 170 acres. He married Irene Dunckel and they became the parents of the following children: Emma, who was born December 29, 1858, and died April 19, 1934, married Edward Elaget and was the mother of Mrs. Grace Planck (Elaget) Spraker; James, Harvey, Harrison, and Milton. The children of Edward and Emma (Planck) Elaget were: 1. Arthur, born 1887, lives at Fort Plain, New York. 2. Mary, born in 1889, married, in 1911, Leland S. Miller, of Germantown, Columbia County. In 1928 Mr. Miller and Mr. Spraker built the Hotel Hollywood at Sharon Springs, New York, which has since been owned and operated by them. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one child, Virginia Elaget. 3. Grace Planck Elaget, born January 20, 1892. 4. Mabel Irene, born in 1895; married Robert Beveridge, of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane P. Spraker are the parents of: 1. Clayton Edward, born March 22, 1912, graduated from the Sharon Springs High School, now manager of Spraker's Garage at Sharon Springs. 2. Douglas Van Spraker, born February 15, 1915, manager of Spraker & Sons, wholesale gas and oil distributors at Cobleskill. He married, March 28, 1937, Flora Sonnenberg, of New York City, and they have a son, Edward Duane Spraker, born May 7, 1938.

JOHN A. KOSINSKI—After two decades of practice as an attorney in Amsterdam, John A. Kosinski was appointed a member of the New York State Industrial Board, Department of Labor, in 1939. In private and public service, he has shown himself capable, progressive, loyal, dependent and devoted. Mr. Kosinski was born in Amsterdam, on August 1, 1893, the son of Albert and Nellie (Kosch) Kosinski. His mother, who is living, came originally from Poland. His father, a native of Wojtowa, Poland, died in 1909.

Despite the death of his father, while he was a boy, John A. Kosinski completed his formal and technical education and earned academic and professional degrees. He attended the St. Stanislaus Parish School in Amsterdam, Milton Avenue Public School, St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake, Michigan, class of 1913, and Union College at Schenectady, and was graduated from the Albany Law School with a degree of Bachelor of Laws.

The entrance of the United States into the World War led to his entrance into the United States Army, and he was still in service at Richmond, Virginia, when the Armistice was signed. He organized and now is an active member of John J. Wyszomirski Post, No. 701, American Legion.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Kosinski was admitted to the New York bar in 1919, since which time he has been engaged in a general practice of the law in Amsterdam, New York. As stated, he was appointed a member of the New York State Industrial Board by Governor Lehman on August 30, 1939, and is now fulfilling capably his important quasi-judicial and rule-making duties in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Laws. He organized, and is now a director and attorney of, the Amsterdam Federal Savings & Loan Association He was for many years attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in Montgomery County.

His professional affiliations include the Montgomery County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He is president of the New York State

Council of Polish Democratic Clubs, Inc., an office he has held since September, 1937. He is also a member of the New York State Democratic Committee and is very influential in the affairs of the Democratic party in Montgomery County and the State of New York. He was a presidential elector in 1940 and as such voted for President Roosevelt for a third term. He is a member of many Polish organizations and other civic organizations in Amsterdam, and he actively participated in the erection and building of the Polish National Alliance Home and the St. John's Society Home.

He is of the Catholic faith, and is generous in his support of religious and humanitarian organizations and movements. Walking is something of a hobby, and he is keenly interested in handball at the local Young Men's Christian Association in the winter and golf during the summer, which he plays as a member of the Ballston Spa Country Club.

On September 5, 1923, John A. Kosinski married Viola L. Karwowska, and they are the parents of two children: 1. John A., Jr., born April 5, 1927. 2. Robert E., born August 20, 1928.

WILLIAM SIDNEY BORTHWICK—A lifelong resident of Cornwallville, William Sidney Borthwick is well known in Greene County and has been active in many phases of its life as a teacher, farmer, business man and public official and as a newspaper correspondent and editor.

He was born in Cornwallville on December 2, 1870, son of Calvin and Mary Frances (Smith) Borthwick. His father, a farmer and justice of the peace, also served in the New York State Volunteers during the Civil War as a private in Company K, 5th Heavy Artillery.

William Sidney Borthwick received a public school education, after which he entered upon his active career. He was a district school teacher for fourteen years, has been a farmer for forty years and for over half a century has served as local correspondent for various county newspapers. His interest in newspaper work was further evidenced when he assumed the editorship of the "Greene County Examiner" in 1932 and continued as such during the following two years. His considerable public service is embraced in a tenure of four years as justice of the peace and sixteen years as supervisor of the town of Durham and member of the Greene County Board of Supervisors. During the latter period he was for two years chairman of the board.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Borthwick is a director of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association and for twenty years has acted as secretary of the Greene County Sheep Breeders' Association. A lifelong Republican in politics, he is influential in his party and has been active in virtually all civic enterprises in his own community. He is interested in the Boy Scout movement, accepting service as scoutmaster of the local troop, has been a local leader in the 4-H Club and after many years as secretary of the Greene County Historical Society, assumed the presidency of the organization, which he holds at present. Dr. Borthwick is also a member of the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, in which he has held various offices, and for forty-four years has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In this order he has also held a number of offices, including that of District Deputy. Mr. Borthwick is a member of the Cornwallville Methodist Church.

He married, at East Windham, Greene County, on October 19, 1898, Bertha L. Sanford, daughter of George H. and Sarah (Dunham) Sanford. Mr. and Mrs. Borthwick became the parents of two children: Calvin Sanford, born May 13, 1903; and George William, born May 4, 1908.

SEYMOUR LEWIS HOMRIGHOUSE, M. D.—With exceptional education and experience, Dr. Seymour Lewis Homrighouse came to Amsterdam, New York, where he has since engaged in a general practice with marked success. He has not only achieved a large clientele but has entered into many city activities.

Dr. Homrighouse was born at Salisbury, Herkimer County, New York, December 23, 1882, son of Lewis and Dora (Hughes) Homrighouse. His mother, born in Wales in 1862, died August 8, 1918. His father, a native of Girkhausen, Germany, in 1853, came to the United States in 1868, and became a skilled painter and decorator. He now is retired from business. The son, of this record, was encouraged to acquire the best education possible, although there was neither wealth or influential friends to help him. After attending the public schools of Dolgeville, New York, and being graduated from the local high school, at the turn of the present century, he entered Syracuse University, from which he received his degree, Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1906. He was an interne in the Hospital of The Good Shepherd, Syracuse, before he went to Hagaman, where he practiced his profession for six years. Since 1914 he has had his offices in Amsterdam, where he is considered one of the successful and popular members of the city's professional coterie. He is particularly interested in physiotherapy.

Dr. Homrighouse was president of the Montgomery County Medical Society (1940), and is a member of other professional associations. He serves on the staffs of St. Mary's and the Amsterdam City hospitals. He was health officer of Amsterdam and the village of Fort Johnson. In political preference, a Republican, he has not entered politics nor been interested in public office. A member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, he is a trustee of its board of trustees.

At Hagaman, New York, on December 8, 1910, Seymour Lewis Homrighouse, M. D., married Ada Gorss, of this place, daughter of Frederick and Minnie (Lange) Gorss. Dr. and Mrs. Homrighouse are the parents of a daughter, Ethel, a graduate of Syracuse University, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, class of 1932. She married Alexander Templeton, of Scotia, New York, and is the mother of a daughter, Shirley, and a son, Alexander Lewis Templeton.

CHARLES J. BEAMS—Following his earlier career in banking and an extended period of service in public life, Charles J. Beams established the real estate and insurance business which he has carried on at Oneonta since 1926. He is one of the city's most widely known figures.

Mr. Beams was born at Milford, New York, on September 17, 1874, son of Isaac and Ervilla Ann (Palmer) Beams. His father was a contractor and mason. Charles J. Beams received a public school education and after his graduation from Oneonta High School in June, 1893, entered the service of the First National Bank of Oneonta, with which he was associated continuously until September, 1911. During this period he rose by successive stages from messenger to cashier of the institution. Retiring from the bank to devote his time exclusively to the sphere of public service, in which he was already active, Mr. Beams took office as city chamberlain of the city of Oneonta in January, 1912, and continued as such until July, 1913, when he was appointed postmaster of the city of Oneonta by President Woodrow Wilson. This office he filled with his usual efficiency until March, 1922. During the following four years he was treasurer of the Floyd F. Taylor Company, Inc. In April, 1926, however, he severed this connection to establish the real estate and insurance business which he has since successfully conducted at Oneonta under his own name.

Mr. Beams has many claims upon the regard of his community arising from his public service other than that as city chamberlain and postmaster. He was village treasurer of the village of Oneonta for a number of years, was a member of the committee which drafted the charter of the city of Oneonta and subsequently served as police commissioner and water commissioner of the city. He has been active in the support of virtually all its civic institutions and enterprises and at the present time serves as director of the Aurelia Osborn Fox Memorial Hospital Society; director of the Oneonta County Young Men's Christian Association; vice-president of the district committee, Boy Scouts of America; and secretary of the Upper Susquehanna Historical Society. Mr. Beams is also a director of the Glenwood Cemetery Association. He has long been influential in Democratic politics, serving for forty-five years as a member of the Democratic County Committee, and is prominent fraternally in the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of Oneonta Lodge, No. 466, Free and Accepted Masons; member and Past High Priest of Oneonta Chapter, No. 177, Royal Arch Masons; and member of Otsego Commandery, No. 76, Knights Templar, at Cooperstown. He is also affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, in which he is Past Patron of Martha Chapter and Assistant Grand Lecturer. In addition to these connections, Mr. Beams is a member of the Oneonta Kiwanis Club and serves on the official board of the Oneonta Methodist Church.

He married, on October 22, 1902, at Middleburgh, New York, Flora M. Vroman, daughter of Charles W. and Anna (Almy) Vroman. Mr. and Mrs. Beams are the parents of three children: Marion Esther, born December 29, 1903, married H. Vincent Edgarton; Charles Vroman, born April 18, 1905; and Ruth Jeanette, born August 1, 1911, married P. Keith Nelson.

ROBERT P. ALLISON—As manager in Schenectady for the American Locomotive Company, Robert P. Allison has made a notable contribution to the industrial life of this district. His long association with the locomotive industry and his deep knowledge of engineering problems entitles him to the respect and confidence that are accorded him in every quarter in which he is known.

Mr. Allison was born October 17, 1877, in Pulaski, Virginia, son of Albert H. and Naomi Ann (Cecil) Allison, both born in Pulaski County, Virginia, in 1853, and both now deceased. The mother died July 12, 1892. The father was a farmer.

Robert P. Allison attended public schools in Pulaski, his Virginia birthplace, and after graduation from high school there he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he remained engaged until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then studied engineering with the Richmond Locomotive Works, Richmond, Virginia, remaining there from 1896 to 1903 as an apprentice, journeyman, inspector and foreman. After steadily advancing in his association with that company, Mr. Allison went, in 1903, to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, with the same organization, remaining there until 1921 and serving as foreman, general foreman and works engineer. He then returned to Richmond as general superintendent of the works there. In 1922 he was made manager of the Richmond plant, so serving until January, 1930. Transferred at that time to the company's works at Dunkirk, New York, he was manager there until February, 1931.

It was at that time that he was transferred to Schenectady. Here he became manager of the American Locomotive Company plant. The Schenectady plant has forged ahead under his managership, and he has done much to establish it on an ever sounder foundation. The Richmond Locomotive Works has operated in combination with the American Locomotive Company since 1901.

Mr. Allison is also active in Schenectady affairs. He was vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1939, is a member of the board of directors of the Community Chest, is on the board of managers of Ellis Hospital and the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is vice-president of the Eastern New York Orthopedic Hospital and School. He is a director of the Schenectady Hotel Company and the Schenectady Savings Bank. He is active in both the Mohawk Club and the Mohawk Golf Club, and greatly enjoys fishing and golf. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Allison is a member of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 11, of Richmond; Richmond Royal Arch Chapter No. 43; St. Andrew's Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 13; and Occa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Richmond. He is a member of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady.

On June 2, 1908, Robert P. Allison married Isabel Shackford, of Paterson, New Jersey, daughter of William W. and Isabel (Donaldson) Shackford. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Catherine Allison, who became the wife of William M. Barker, of Schenectady; they have two children, Allison Merritt Barker and William Barker. 2. Robert P. Allison, Jr., who married Elizabeth Sheffield, of Tupper Lake, New York. 3. Wallace H. Allison. 4. Virginia L. Allison, attending Syracuse University. 5. Edith S. Allison, attending National Park College, in Washington, District of Columbia.

WILLIAM C. SMALLEY—The chain of motion picture theatres operated in central New York under the name of Smalleys Theatres, Inc., owes its origin and development to the enterprise of William C. Smalley, a pioneer exhibitor in New York State and now active head of the organization which he established. He is one of Cooperstown's best known citizens.

Mr. Smalley was born in Danbury, Connecticut, on July 29, 1900, son of William and Fannie (Ellsworth) Smalley. His father, a cabinetmaker, was born at Drewville, Putnam County, New York, and is now deceased. The mother, who is still living, was born at Paterson, Putnam County.

William C. Smalley was educated in the public schools of Danbury and began his active career in that city with the Howel Picture Company, remaining one and a half years. He spent the following two and a half years with the Danbury Opera House and at the end of that time moved to Mount Upton, New York, where he was employed by the Borden Condensed Milk Company for three years. While there he established the first moving picture theatre in the community under the name of the Mount Upton Opera House and also operated an ice cream parlor for about three years. During the same period he began to operate the opera house at Gilbertsville. These two motion picture theatres marked the inception of the present chain of Smalley Theatres, built up gradually by Mr. Smalley through able and progressive management. He now has sixteen theatres in central New York towns, all operated under the name of "Smalleys." The organization, which was incorporated in 1921 as Smalleys Theatres, Inc., employs about 240 people. Mr. Smalley is president and general manager of the company, and the main office is in the Smalley Theatre Building at Cooperstown.

Mr. Smalley came to Cooperstown in December, 1915, and rented the village hall which he used as a motion picture theatre until 1920. He then began the erection of the present Cooperstown Smalleys Theatre, which opened on January 1, 1922, and has since been one of the institutions of the village. As a resident of Cooperstown during the past quarter of a century, he has been an influential figure in the general life of the community and for approximately ten years served as village trustee. He is also past president of the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the Cooperstown Rotary Club. Mr. Smalley is affiliated fraternally with Otsego Lodge, No. 138, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher Masonic bodies in both York and Scottish Rites, including the Royal Arch Chapter, the Commandery, Knights Templar, the Consistory, and Ziyara Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Utica. He is also affiliated with Oneonta Lodge, No. 1312, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Smalley is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. His favorite recreation is golf.

WILLIAM J. SPENCE—Since 1914 William J. Spence has been a resident of Spencertown, Columbia County, where he acquired a three hundred-acre estate and embarked upon a career as a farmer following his retirement from business life. He has been active and influential in town affairs during the intervening years and is now serving as supervisor.

Mr. Spence was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1879, son of Charles D. and Mary (Irwin) Spence, both deceased. His father was a wholesale dealer in silks and velvets, and after the completion of his education at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, William J. Spence joined his father in this business, which he continued until 1919. Meanwhile, in 1911-12, he devoted his attention principally to the management of a large estate. In 1914 he purchased the property which he now occupies at Spencertown and embarked upon its development. Originally he was interested in general farming, but subsequently specialized in dairy and poultry farming and at one time had a herd of some 350 pedigreed Guernsey and Holstein cows. At present, however, he is confining his attention to the breeding of laboratory animals.

Mr. Spence has been profoundly interested in civic affairs during the entire period of his residence in Columbia County and from time to time has assumed important responsibilities both in community causes and in public life. In 1916 he was designated as town justice at Spencertown and in 1940 was elected town supervisor, serving at the present time as a member of the County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Spence is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He married, in New York City, in 1911, Elizabeth Douglass, daughter of Alexander and Mary Elizabeth Douglass.

WILLIAM THOMAS BYRNE—Since the early years of the century, William Thomas Byrne has been active at the bar of Albany County and in its public life. He is a former member of the New York Senate and since the session of 1937 has represented the Twenty-eighth Congressional District of New York in the United States Congress.

Mr. Byrne was born at Florida, Montgomery County, March 6, 1876, son of Richard Henry and Margaret T. (Manifold) Byrne. He was educated in the public schools of Albany, where he was graduated from high school in 1896, and subsequently prepared for his profession at Albany Law School, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1904. In the same year he was admitted to the New York bar and established the Albany practice which he has since conducted.

In addition to his important professional responsibilities Mr. Byrne serves as a director of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company and as a trustee of the Home Savings Bank, both in Albany. Relatively early in his career he became active in the Democratic politics of the city and rose to influence in his party. In 1923, by election at the polls, he took his seat in the New York Senate, of which he was continuously a member until 1936. Mr. Byrne left the State Senate to assume new duties in public life following his election as a member of the Seventy-fifth Congress of the United States in November, 1936. Reëlected in 1938 and in 1940, he has since represented the Twenty-eighth Congressional District at Washington, sitting in the Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh congresses.

At Albany, Mr. Byrne also serves as a trustee of the Albany College of Pharmacy. He has been active here in many civic enterprises and is a member of the Albany Club and Schuyler Meadows Club. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

On November 24, 1908, in this city, Mr. Byrne married Josephine Louise Diener. In recent years he has made his home at Loudonville.

JOSEPH SELL LAWRENCE, M. D.—Since he completed his medical training, Dr. Joseph Sell Lawrence has devoted his career chiefly to State and institutional service and to the general interests of his profession through his work in its organized societies. He is now executive officer and legislative representative of the Medical Society of the State of New York, making his headquarters in Albany.

Dr. Lawrence was born in Washington Borough, Pennsylvania, on June 25, 1877, son of Jacob H. and Sarah Alice (Sell) Lawrence. After his preliminary education, he entered Franklin and Marshall College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904 and from which he received the further degree of Master of Arts in 1912. His medical studies were carried on at Johns Hopkins University, from which he was graduated wth the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1916. In the same year he was licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. Meanwhile, in 1913-14, he served as student instructor 'n anatomy at Johns Hopkins Medical School; in 1916 was student instructor in bacteriology; and in 1916-17 was instructor in immunology in the medical school and bacteriologist in the surgical wards of the university hospital. In the summer of 1916 he went overseas as bacteriologist with the American Ambulance unit at Neuilly, France, and in 1917, upon the entrance of the United States into the war, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps. In May, 1917, he was appointed bacteriologist in the New York State Department of Health; in November of the same year became bacteriologist and pathologist in the State Department of Health; and in July, 1918, was appointed chief of the Bureau of Venereal Diseases for the Department. In July, 1920, his title was changed to director of the Division of Venereal Diseases of the New York State Department of Health. This position he filled until 1924, when he resigned to take over his present duties as executive officer and legislative representative of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Since that time he has been the field representative of the State Medical Society, supervising its numerous endeavors and presenting the views of organized medicine in the State to the Legislature in matters affecting the interests of medicine and public health.

From 1917 to 1924, and again in 1941, Dr. Lawrence was also lecturer in the public health course of Albany Medical College (Union University) and in 1919 was acting assistant surgeon of the United States Public Health Service. He is the author of numerous articles, mainly on bacteriology, published in various medical journals and of "The Distribution of Physicians in New York State" (1929 and 1939), and "A Study of County Society Activities" (1941). In 1920 he was a delegate from New York to the International Eugenics Conference. Dr. Lawrence is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons, the American Public Health Association, the Society of American Bacteriologists, the American Social Hygiene Association, the Sanitary Officers Association and the Eugenics Society of the United States. He is a past member of the Royal Institute of Public Health of England. In addition to his professional connections, he is affiliated with the Masonic Order and its various higher bodies, including the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple of the Mystic Shrine; a member of the Rotary and University clubs of Albany; the City Club of New York; and the Historical Society of Albany. Dr. Lawrence is a Presbyterian in religious faith and serves as an elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Albany and as chairman of the Committee on Christian Education of the Albany Presbytery.

On June 22, 1920, Dr. Lawrence married Roberta Victoria Leslie, of Rochester, a nurse in the Public Health Service, and they are the parents of two children: Roberta Jane, born December 26, 1921; and Joseph Leslie, born July 31, 1923.

DAVID BANKS PLUM—The "Troy Record," influential organ of news and opinion in the Capital Region, is published by David Banks Plum, who began his career as a clerk in the "Record" office more than forty years ago. He is one of the leading figures in Troy life.

Mr. Plum was born in Troy on October 7, 1869, son of Frederick A. and Mary S. (Fowler) Plum. He received a public school education, was engaged briefly in other occupations but in 1897 turned to newspaper work when he became a clerk with the "Troy Record." During the Spanish-American War, Mr. Plum served as first sergeant in the 2d New York Regiment, United States Volunteer Infantry. With that exception, his active connection with the "Troy Record" has suffered no interruption. In 1917 he became treasurer of the company and in 1935 became president and publisher, continuing as such since that time.

Mr. Plum is also president of the Averill Park Company and president of the Troy Trust Company. He is a trustee of Troy Orphan Asylum and Samaritan Hospital and for many years has been active in the support of Troy institutions, both civic and benevolent. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Society of Colonial Wars, the New York State Historical Association and the Rensselaer County Historical Society, connections reflecting his interest in the Nation's past and its fine traditions. Mr. Plum is also a member of the American Geographical Society; the Troy Club and Troy Country Club; the North Woods Club; and the Union League Club of New York. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. In addition to his Spanish-American War service, he was for ten years a member of the National Guard of New York.

On March 30, 1898, Mr. Plum married Harriet L. Barnes, of Troy.

JACKSON TOWNSEND—As president of the Wood Flong Corporation, manufacturers of stereotype mats at Hoosick Falls, Jackson Townsend is a well-known figure in the industrial life of the Capital Region. He began his industrial career more than thirty years ago in the South and has been associated since 1918 with the company he now heads.

Born at Raynham, North Carolina, on January 26, 1890, Mr. Townsend is a son of Jackson and Sara M. (Oliver) Townsend. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1913, entered the employ of the Southern Turpentine Company at Lake Butler, Florida. In 1914 he joined the Pynetree Paper Company at Gordon, Georgia, and in 1915 became a member of the staff of the Arthur D. Little, Inc., laboratories at Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1918 he began his present connection with the Wood Flong Corporation at Hoosick Falls and in recent years has headed the company as president and director.

Mr. Townsend is also president and director of the Wood Western Corporation and a director of Bennett Dry Mat, Ltd., of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He is president of the board of trustees of Green Mountain Junior College and at Hoosick Falls, during his residence here, has been active in behalf of various civic causes and community institutions. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Phi Beta Kappa society and is a member of the Lotos Club and Advertising Club of New York, the Chatiemac Club, Troy City Club and many country clubs. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

Mr. Townsend married Lula M. Townsend, of Richmond, Virginia, who died in 1920. They have two children: Jackson, III; James B.; and an adopted daughter, Frances.

MILO CLAUDE MOSEMAN, lawyer of Tannersville, is a native of the region, born at Big Hollow (now known as Maplecrest) in the town of Windham, November 18, 1887, son of Elra and Mary A. (Lockwood) Moseman. His grandparents were the late William Henry Moseman and Margaret (Whitney) Moseman, of the town of Windham, and Milo Lockwood and Adaline (Lord) Lockwood, of the town of Jewett. His father, who was a merchant, is now deceased.

As a boy he attended the district schools in the towns of Windham and Jewett, after which he went to the Catskill High School, graduating from there in 1906. He then taught in the rural school then known as the Woodworth District in the town of Jewett for two years, after which he went to Rutgers University where he received the degree of Bachelor of Letters in 1912. In June, 1931, he received the degree of Master of Arts from Rutgers.

Having completed his course at Rutgers he continued his studies at New York Law School, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1917. During this period he also taught mathematics and history in the Union Hill High School. He was admitted to the New York State bar in 1917. Army service somewhat interrupted his legal career. He was assigned to the field artillery training school for officers at Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville, Kentucky. While there he was chief instructor in mathematics, the basis of artillery gun fire.

Beginning his law practice in July, 1919, he became active in local affairs. For many years he was president of the Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of education at different times and was the first president of the Central School Board of the towns of Hunter, Jewett and Lexington, from which office he resigned after but one year's service because of the pressure of his many local activities. He became executive vice-president of the Mountains National Bank in 1927 and president of the bank in 1929. In 1933, after the bank holiday, the institution did not reopen, and in the investigation of its affairs Mr. Moseman made an affirmative plea to an indictment for a misdeameanor, arising out of misapplication (not misappropriation) of funds of the institution through the discounting of notes declared improper. This did not interrupt or affect his legal practice, which has been continuously successful.

A Republcan in politics he was at one time president of the Greene County Examiner Publishing Corporation, which published the "Catskill Examiner." This organization consisted of representative Republicans of Greene County. He never has held a public political office.

He was president of the Greene County Bar Association for two successive years. He assisted in the organization of the American Legion in Greene County and was its first county adjutant and served as its service officer for several years. He organized the local post known as the Bunt-Brewer Post, No. 165, and was its first commander. He was at one time vice-commander of the county organization of the American Legion and when he became entitled to county commander, because of his many and divers interests, he withdrew that another might be chosen in his stead. He is a Past Chancellor of Onteora Lodge, No. 322, Knights of Pythias, and a Past Master of Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 807, Free and Accepted Masons, at Hunter; and is connected with Mountain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Windham; Catskill Council, No. 78, Royal and Select Masters, of Catskill; Rondout Commandery, Knights Templar, at Kingston; and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Albany. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Greene-Ulster Masonic District for the year 1929-30. His law fraternity was Delta Theta Phi and his college fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha.

Mr. Moseman never married. He and his mother still operate the farm formerly owned by his mother's father, Milo Lockwood, at East Jewett, where he has lived most of his years. He is an attendant of the Methodist Church.

SAMUEL ZASULY—Samuel Zasuly has devoted his attention in recent years to development of Camp Copake, a small island resort close to the shore of Lake Copake. His resort is popular among vacationers, so beautifully equipped is it with all manner of natural and mechanical recreational facilities.

Mr. Zasuly was born December 23, 1887, in Russia, son of Louis and Mollie (Brownstein) Zasuly, both now deceased. His father was engaged in the real estate business.

Public schools in New York City provided Samuel Zasuly's early education. Later he attended the City College Law School and was graduated from New York University. Admitted to the bar of this State in 1910, he practiced law in New York City until 1922, when he retired from his active practice in order to devote himself to his present work. As manager and developer of Camp Copake, which he purchased at that time, Mr. Zasuly has distinguished himself in the life of his adopted community. Though not a native of this district, Mr. Zasuly has devoted a large amount of his time and attention to studying the history and characteristics of Columbia County, and he is associated with a number of the most worth while activities within its borders. He belongs to the City College Club.

Samuel Zasuly, who was married on September 6, 1923, in New York City, became the father of two children: 1. Richard Lewis Zasuly, born in 1924. 2. Peggy Edith Zasuly, born in 1928.

NORMAN LESLIE WOODWARD—As a summer resident of Columbia County for many years, Norman Leslie Woodward, of North Hillsdale, has been actively interested in its civic progress and the general aspects of its life. His business career has been spent in New York City, where he is a partner and officer of the Sterling Last Company.

Mr. Woodward was born on the Island of St. Christopher, British West Indies, in 1878, son of Samuel Clark Cox and Susan (Tony) Woodward. His father, a sugar planter, was born on Nevis and his mother on Barbadoes, both islands of the British West Indies.

Norman Leslie Woodward was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, and at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, where he took an engineering course. Upon leaving college he entered the employ of the Sterling Last Company, which has long occupied an important position in the shoe industry, and has spent his entire career in the organization, rising gradually through various positions until he was admitted to partnership. Mr. Woodward serves as secretary and treasurer of the company at the present time. He is looking forward to his retirement, however, when he plans to make his year-around home at North Hillsdale. As a summer resident of this community he has formed a deep attachment for the Columbia County countryside.

Mr. Woodward is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of the various higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He is also a member of the Old Country Club at Flushing, Long Island, the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn and the Metuchen Club in New Jersey. During the World War he was active in home defense work and the various organized drives of the period and served as a "four-minute man." A Lutheran in religious faith, Mr. Woodward is a past deacon of his church.

He married, on June 7, 1904, in New York City, Mathilda Beyer, daughter of Ferdinand and Dorothea (Desor) Beyer. Mrs. Woodward is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Past Matron in that order of St. Dolfin Chapter. The only child of this marriage, Herbert Clark Woodward, was born in 1906 and died in early youth as a result of injuries received in an accident.

WILLIAM E. CARNEY—Succeeding to control of the hardware company established by his father at Philmont, William E. Carney now continues this enterprise as sole owner. It is the oldest business of its kind in the town.

Mr. Carney was born at Adams, Massachusetts, in 1876, son of Michael and Mary (Carnnavan) Carney, both now deceased. At an early age he accompanied his parents to Columbia County, New York and received his general education in the Philmont public schools, later attending Claverack College. Meanwhile, he went to work in the Carney Hardware Store in Philmont, learning the business thoroughly under his father's guidance, and upon the death of Michael Carney he succeeded to sole ownership of the enterprise. Mr. Carney stocks a complete line of hardware, paints, wall papers and household novelties. As owner of a long established enterprise he is one of the town's well known merchants and is a past director of the Philmont Bank.

Mr. Carney has also been active in civic affairs and public life. He served two terms as supervisor of the town of Philmont, from 1917 to 1921, and during the World War was treasurer of the Home Defense Commission at Philmont and chairman of the local Works Commission under the Federal Government. He has been interested in such movements as the Boy Scouts of America and for three years was president of the Columbia County Council of the Boy Scouts. Active fraternally, he has been prominent in the State organization of the Knights of Columbus, in which he now serves as State treasurer. Locally he is a member of Philmont Council, No. 870, Knights of Columbus; the Knights of the Maccabees and the Philmont Lions Club. In addition to his other connections, Mr. Carney is a member of the New York State Volunteer Firemen. In religious faith, he is a Roman Catholic.

FRANK KINIRY—All his active career Frank Kiniry has been engaged in one form or another of work in the dairy business, serving since 1935 as manager of the Canajoharie Coöperative Milk Producers, Inc. He makes his home in Fort Plain.

Mr. Kiniry was born September 2, 1877, at Freys Bush, Montgomery County, New York, son of John and Mary (Sweeney) Kiniry, both natives of Ireland, the father of County Clare and the mother of Galway, and both now deceased. John Kiniry was a farmer by occupation, carrying on his agricultural activities in Montgomery County, near Fort Plain. He was a Democrat in his political views.

Public schools of Fort Plain provided Frank Kiniry's early formal education, and after graduation from high school he became a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he took a special course in dairying and was graduated in 1904. After leaving school, he was employed on a farm in Montgomery County, not far from Fort Plain, the property of Victor Sackrider Bauder, between 1903 and 1908. When he finished his course at Cornell, he was associated for a time with the Cherry-Burrell Corporation, at Little Falls, for a year. Next he was with the Fort Plain Dairy Kitchen Corporation, at

Fort Plain, for ten years. Then, joining the Fort Plain Milk Company, he served for twelve years as manager of the organization. In 1929 he started his own business under the name of the Adler & Kiniry Milk Company, so continuing until 1934. In 1935 he came to his present position as manager of the Canajoharie Coöperative Milk Producers, Inc., so continuing down to the time of writing.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Kiniry has interested himself extensively in the civic and social life of Canajoharie and Fort Plain. Formerly he served as a trustee of the village of Fort Plain. Politically he has held to an independent course, supporting the men and measures of his choice rather than adhering to any mere partisan affiliation. Mr. Kiniry is also active in the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Fort Plain Fish and Game Club and the Knights of Columbus. He is active in the Catholic Church in Fort Plain.

In Fort Plain, on December 27, 1905, Frank Kiniry married Louisa Miller, a native of Germany, daughter of Karl and Josephine Miller, both of Germany.

HAROLD THEODORE GOLDEN, M. D.—At the outset of his professional career, Dr. Harold Theodore Golden settled in Herkimer, where he has since been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery. In a relatively few years he has become one of the well-known physicians of the community.

Dr. Golden was born at Carbondale, Pennsylvania, on September 4, 1911, a son of Barnett and Mollie (Goldman) Golden. His father, an optometrist in Carbondale, was born in Lithuania in 1886 and came to this country in 1892. The mother, Mollie (Goldman) Golden, was also born in Lithuania in 1892. She came to the United States in 1896.

Harold Theodore Golden received his preliminary education in the public schools of Carbondale. After his graduation there in 1929, he studied for one year at the University of Pennsylvania, one year at St. Thomas College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and another year at Temple University. At all these institutions he carried on pre-medical work. Subsequently, he entered New York Medical College, where he completed his course in 1936, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following six months he served as interne at Oneida County Hospital in Rome. This training was followed by three months as interne at Metropolitan Hospital in New York City, after which he established his present practice in Herkimer. The calls upon his services have increased steadily during the period of his practice here and his successful record has brought him a wide professional reputation in the Herkimer section.

Dr. Golden is a member of the staff of Herkimer Memorial Hospital and a member of the various professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Herkimer County Medical Society. He is affiliated with Herkimer Lodge, No. 1439, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with the Phi Delta Epsilon fraternity; is a member of the Down and Out Club, the Service Club of Herkimer and the Mohawk Valley Country Club. In politics he is a Republican. Dr. Golden is a member of Temple Beth Joseph at Herkimer. He is fond of outdoor life and his favorite recreations are hunting and fishing.

On August 19, 1934, Harold Theodore Golden married Ethel Anne Myers, of Herkimer, daughter of Nathan and Nettie (Rothblum) Myers. Dr. and Mrs. Golden have two children: Reynold Stephen, born January 11, 1937; and Michael David, born February 21, 1940.

BRIAN J. KELLY, M. D.—Since he began his active career in Frankfort a quarter of a century ago, Dr. Brian J. Kelly has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He is a physician and surgeon of established reputation, a well-known Democratic leader of Herkimer County and during the past twelve years has served without interruption as mayor of Frankfort.

Dr. Kelly was born in Johnstown, Fulton County, on March 14, 1891, son of John F. and Barbara (Connolly) Kelly. His father, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a leather dresser by trade, now retired. His mother, a native of Ireland, died in 1923.

Brian J. Kelly was educated in the public schools of Johnstown and after completing the high school course in 1911, entered New York University to begin preparations for his professional career. In 1915 he was graduated from Bellevue Medical College in New York City with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and during the following year served as interne at St. Joseph's Hospital at Paterson, New Jersey. At the end of this time he came to Herkimer County and established the general practice at Frankfort which he has since continued. Dr. Kelly's professional success marks only one phase of his career. If medicine is his vocation, politics and public affairs have been his hobby. He has long been prominent in Democratic councils of the county and since 1932 he has served as chairman of the county committee, heading the Herkimer Democratic organization. He has been energetic in advancing his party's interests and equally zealous in the sphere of public service. Since 1928, Dr. Kelly has been mayor of Frankfort. His election to this office for six consecutive terms, reflects the confidence which his administration has inspired and the value placed upon his services by the electorate.

Dr. Kelly is affiliated fraternally with Ilion Lodge, No. 1444, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with

Ilion Council of the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club in Frankfort and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

On June 6, 1927, he married Katherine Corcoran, of Mohawk, daughter of William Corcoran.

CHARLES EDWIN MALSAN—The business and military background of Charles Edwin Malsan, of Herkimer County, have been of great value to him in his work as under-sheriff and sheriff of Herkimer County. Elected sheriff in the fall elections of 1933, he has held this office or that of under-sheriff, continuously since that time.

Mr. Malsan was born August 1, 1903, in Whitesboro, New York, son of Claude Smith and Elizabeth G. (Teller) Malsan and member of an old and distinguished American family. His paternal grandmother, Anna Louise Malsan, long prominent in the Colonial Dames of America, was descended from Robert Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who was Charles Edwin Malsan's great-great-great-great-grandfather, according to family records. Claude Smith Malsan, Charles Edwin Malsan's father, was born in Whitesboro, New York, October 21, 1877, and was graduated as a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Pennsylvania. He was for years a dentist in Utica, but is now practicing in Dolgeville. The mother, Mrs. Elizabeth G. (Teller) Malsan, was born November 10, 1884, in New York City. Charles E. Malsan's brother, Adrian White Malsan, has been first deputy sheriff of Herkimer County since January 1, 1934.

Public schools in Utica and the Cecily Baker School and Utica Free Academy, in that city, provided Charles Edwin Malsan's early formal education. He was graduated in 1919 from Dolgeville High School, and also had military preparation in the Officers' Training School at Plattsburg, New York, receiving his commission of second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps. For about eleven years Mr. Malsan was engaged in business as sales representative for several houses in this district of New York State. Elected sheriff of Herkimer County in November, 1933, for a three-year term, he then served as under-sheriff for three years, from 1936 to 1939, and in November, 1939, was again elected sheriff. He has followed a rigorous policy in maintaining law and order in his community, and is widely known among law enforcement officials throughout New York State.

Politically Mr. Malsan is a Republican. Consistently interesting himself in public affairs, he is a member of the New York State Sheriffs' Association and other law enforcement groups, and in 1940 served on the association's legislative committee and was chairman of the same group's committee to standardize uniforms throughout the State. He also belongs to the Herkimer County Magistrates' Association. He belongs to the Frankfort Fish and Game Club, the Ilion Fish and Game Club, the Mohawk Fish and Game Club, the East Herkimer Fish and Game Club, the Little Falls Fish and Game Club, the Beaver Flow Fish and Game Club, the Dolgeville Fish and Game Club and the Ohio Fish and Game Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Dolgeville Lodge, No. 796, Free and Accepted Masons, Little Falls Lodge, No. 42, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Little Falls Lodge, No. 615, Loyal Order of Moose, Kuyahoora Tribe, No. 572, Improved Order of Red Men, in Herkimer, and Mohawk Lodge, No. 226, Knights of Pythias in Frankfort. He attends the Dolgeville Methodist Church.

Charles Edwin Malsan married, September 24, 1930, Mabel E. Keeler, of Little Falls, New York, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Keeler.

FRANCIS J. MOORE—Francis J. Moore was born in the village of Herkimer, New York, on October 1, 1897, son of Andrew Moore and Anna (Coleman) Moore, both natives of Ireland. His mother was born in County Louth in 1871 and his father was born in County Tipperary in 1871. His father was, for a number of years, a fireman on the New York Central Railroad Company and lost his life on January 6, 1899, when a trestle in the village of Herkimer, New York, over which his engine was operating, collapsed.

After being graduated from the Herkimer High School in 1917, Francis J. Moore entered Georgetown University, from which he was graduated in 1922 with a degree of Bachelor of Laws and thereafter was associated with the United States Veterans' Bureau at Syracuse, New York, until 1925, when he was admitted to the bar.

Following his admission to the bar, he was associated as an attorney, with Frank A. Schmidt, of Ilion, New York, until 1927, when he engaged in the practice of law for himself at Herkimer, and where he has continuously practiced since that date. In 1935 he associated with his brother, Andrew J. Moore, and formed a co-partnership for the practice of law and since that date the firm has been practicing law in Herkimer, under the name of Moore and Moore.

During the World War, Mr. Moore served in the United States Navy, having enlisted on May 27, 1918, and being discharged on June 24, 1919, and the greater part of his service was over seas in the Aviation Service.

Mr. Moore is a Past Commander of Herkimer Post No. 38, of the American Legion and a past president of the Herkimer County Bar Association. He is affiliated with Herkimer Lodge, No. 1439, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Herkimer Council, No. 579, Knights of Columbus and a member of the Down and Out Club and the German Maennerchor Society of Herkimer. He is a director of the Herkimer Free Library, having succeeded the late Hon. Charles Bell.

Mr. Moore is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

On June 28, 1930, Mr. Moore was married to Julie C. Carroll, of Pompey, New York, daughter of John Carroll and Mary (Kilduff) Carroll.

MICHAEL F. COLLINS—For many years Michael F. Collins distinguished himself in Troy and the Capital Region by his work as newspaper publisher and public official. As editor and publisher of the "Observer," of this city, he did much to promote community betterment. Long active in Democratic politics, he assisted in furthering the nomination of Grover Cleveland for the Presidency of the United States in 1884 and himself rendered valuable service as State Senator. His attainments were many-sided and constructive, earning for him wide admiration and respect, and he will be long and affectionately remembered among his host of friends in all departments of life.

Mr. Collins was born September 27, 1854, in Troy, New York, son of Patrick and Alice (Cullen) Collins.

He attended the old Third Ward Public School, in Troy, and when fifteen years old began work as a typesetter and proceeded to learn the printer's trade. Fifteen years later, when a strike was declared among the printers, he became stockholder and city editor of the "Troy Evening Standard," published by the striking printers. On October 3, 1878, Mr. Collins resigned from the "Standard" and purchased the "Observer," which was for many years operated by him in Troy. As a newspaper man he came to exert a considerable influence upon the life of Troy and its people and institutions, espousing many causes that he believed would promote the city's advancement and earning the admiration and confidence of his contemporaries in all walks of life and all branches of human endeavor.

From an early period in his career Mr. Collins interested himself in politics and public life. He gave his support to the Democratic party throughout his entire political career, becoming a delegate to the New York State Democratic convention which, in 1882, nominated Grover Cleveland for Governor. Two years later, in 1884, Mr. Collins was an alternate to the national convention which nominated Cleveland for President. In 1885 and 1886 Mr. Collins was elected to the State Assembly at Albany, and in 1887 was elected to the State Senate, carrying Washington and Rensselaer counties by large pluralities and being reëlected in 1889. Both of these counties reversed their usually strong Republican trend to elect Mr. Collins. In 1890 he failed of election to the United States Congress, however, in the Rensselaer-Washington district; and in 1891 a division in his party led to his defeat as a candidate for State Senator. In 1893 the Rensselaer and Columbia districts were combined to form one district and at that time Mr. Collins was nominated for State Senator and elected by a large plurality. In 1916 he was nominated for Congress in the Albany-Rensselaer Congregational District, but was defeated.

Throughout life Mr. Collins combined and blended his two major interests—his concern for public affairs and his activity in newspaper work. He was a member of the Troy Typographical Union, the New York State Democratic Editor's Association, The Hudson Valley Democratic Editor's Association and the National Publishers' Association and the New York Press Association. In April, 1927, Mr. Collins purchased the "Troy Sunday Budget" and consolidated it with the "Troy Observer." He also interested himself in many other projects and activities, being connected, fraternally, with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In addition to his residence in Troy, Mr. Collins maintained a home in the Adirondack Mountains, where he spent more and more time in pursuit of recreation and rest in the later years of his life.

Michael F. Collins married, December 19, 1880, in Troy, New York, Caroline Elizabeth O'Sullivan. They became the parents of eight children: 1. Carolyn Alice Collins, studied in public schools and at the Emma Willard School, in Troy; became the wife of George E. Armstrong, of Albany, and now resides in New York City. 2. Francis M. Collins, studied in the public schools and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; married Elizabeth Bohrer, and they became the parents of five children: J. Robert, Francis M., Jr., Carolyn, Richard M. and Thomas S. Collins. Mr. Collins was appointed postmaster of Troy by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on July 24, 1941. 3. J. Edward Collins, educated in public schools and at Troy Academy, later engaged in the newspaper business in association with his father. 4. Daniel Collins died at the age of two. 5. Rena E. Collins, graduated from Troy High School, married and later divorced C. Arthur Wales; they have four children: Arthur P. Wales, M. Collins Wales and Carolyn and David Wales. 6. Helen L. Collins, educated in public schools and at the Emma Willard School and is now treasurer of the Troy Publishing Company. 7. Marie A. Collins, graduted from Troy High School; married Joseph E. Spain in 1926. Mr. Spain died in 1936. They were the parents of three children: Joan, Marcia, and Mary Sue Spain. 8. Eugene R. Collins, graduated from Troy High School and attended Syracuse and Columbia universities, engaged in business with his father; during the World War assigned to France with the 27th Division, United States Army, receiving special citation No. 86 and Silver Star Medal for conspicuous bravery at St. Souplet, October 16 to 18, 1918, as a dispatch rider. In 1935, he married Helen M. Mulligan of Troy and they are the parents of one son, Eugene R. Collins, Jr.

The death of Michael F. Collins on December 22, 1928, was an occasion of profound regret and sorrow wherever he was known. His accomplishments were many-sided and valuable, and the Troy community and the Capital Region particularly benefited from his works. The influence of such an individual must continue as a vital force through long years after his departure from the earthly scene.

J. CLARK NESBITT—The shadow of science is over all, and not least in the modern production and handling of animal and poultry foods; in the trade and milling of these, West-Nesbitt, Inc., has achieved high standing in this region.

J. Clark Nesbitt, the active vice-president of West-Nesbitt, Inc., was born at Fergusonville, Delaware County, New York, on December 31, 1889. He was the only son of James R. and Sarah (Whipple) Nesbitt. His father was born at Rosebrook in Stamford Township, Delaware County, on July 18, 1863. His mother, a native of South Kortright, Delaware County, was born in 1865; she died young, in 1894, J. Clark Nesbitt being her sole child. Her husband, a successful farmer, married (second) Nellie Snyder, and they had three children, one of whom died in infancy. James R. Nesbitt is retired, with his residence at Schenevus, New York. He was formerly a supervisor of Davenport Township in the county of Delaware.

J. Clark Nesbitt, his son, is a practical farmer, as well as a man of other business. He was born on his father's farm, was graduated from Schenevus High School and taught school one year after graduation. He farmed again from 1911 to 1919, then entered the retail feed business at Schenevus. After six years of valuable experience there he moved to the larger field of Oneonta and there, with Foster Webb he established West-Nesbitt, Inc. They inaugurated their business in a way which indicated permanency, by purchasing their present site at No. 80 Market Street and erecting the mill and warehouse. These combined structures have a frontage of two hundred and twenty feet and a rear width of one hundred and twenty-five feet. They are devoted to grinding, manufacturing, storing and shipping a variety of foods for the dairy, poultry and the stable.

Before moving to Oneonta, J. Clark Nesbitt was, in 1918, a Republican Assemblyman at Albany and still keeps a lively interest in civic and State affairs. He is a member in Schenevus of the Free and Accepted Masons and is also a member in Oneonta of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Kiwanis Club, Oneonta Club, and Oneonta Country Club where he enjoys his chief diversion, golf. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

On January 25, 1911, J. Clark Nesbitt married Emma Munson, a native of Davenport. Their children are: 1. James C. Nesbitt, graduate of Wyoming Seminary, now an assistant at his father's plant. 2. Clarence Nesbitt, graduate of Hamilton College, also an assistant at his father's plant. 3. Marjorie, graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Massachusetts. 4. Harriet, graduate of Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Massachusetts.

THE HUDSON CITY SAVINGS INSTITUTION—The Hudson City Savings Institution was incorporated April 4, 1850, by a special act of the Legislature, and has now passed through nine decades of its existence. The institution's steady growth and financial stability throughout this entire period have been a matter of great pride to its officers.

The first bank quarters consisted of a desk in the rear of the office of J. W. Fairfield, secretary of the organization, at No. 234 Warren Street, in the building now occupied by Frank Finn, barber. At the outset the bank was open for business only on Mondays and Saturdays, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m., except on holidays. The first account was opened by Henry C. Hutman on October 7, 1850, and the second by Mr. Fairfield's son, George B. Fairfield, who later himself became secretary-treasurer and a trustee of the bank. The original trustees named in the articles of incorporation were Robert A. Barnard, Oliver Bronson, Peter Van Deusen, James Clark, George E. Seymour, Alexander C. Mitchell, Matthew Mitchell, Charles Paul, Joseph Bennett, George H. Power, Theodore Miller, Peter Hoffman, and Josiah W. Fairfield. Mr. Barnard was elected president, and Mr. Fairfield secretary and treasurer. The first dividend to depositors was declared July 1, 1851, and amounted to $87.41. This was the beginning of the regular semi-annual dividends that have been paid without interruption since that time, up to 1937, when they began to be compounded quarterly. Dividends paid depositors since 1851, down to and including the April, 1940, payment, total $11,425,779.54—a figure representing 16½ per cent. more than the total amount due depositors at the time of writing, and averaging $126,420 per year for a ninety-year period. The April first quarterly dividend in 1940 amounted to $47,979.95, as contrasted with the first dividend of $87.41.

The bank is justly proud of the fact that it has never refused to pay depositors, upon demand, in any amount required. Nor has it ever been obliged to take advantage of the by-law permitting a bank to require sixty days' notice in writing before paying out funds. The bank is also proud of the small total of its unclaimed deposits

Charles A. Van Deusen.

down through its history. Banking law provides that accounts cease to draw interest if a passbook has not been presented for twenty consecutive years. The account becomes dormant, and until recently was merely held by the bank as a dormant account. In 1937 a law was passed requiring all such abandoned funds to be paid over to the State comptroller. At that time the Hudson City Savings Institution paid a total of $2,611.23, covering its eighty-seven years of dormant accounts; and three of the deposits involved accounted for more than half the total. Seventy-eight such accounts were turned over to the State, fifty-seven of them for less than $10.00, even after the accumulation of twenty-years' interest while they were becoming dormant. Sixteen had between $10.00 and $100. Only five had more than $100. Two belonged to soldiers in the Civil War whose only transaction was the original deposit in 1862 and 1863, respectively. Considerable effort has been made to check up on depositors who have not presented their passbooks for a period of fifteen years.

When the Hudson City Savings Institution was incorporated, there were only seventeen savings banks in New York State, as contrasted with the present number of one hundred and thirty. Eight were in New York and Brooklyn, and there was one each in Albany, Troy, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Poughkeepsie, Auburn and Schenectady. The bank's officers point out that, in view of the low rate of dividends to depositors now prevailing, it is interesting to review the rates over the years: January 1, 1851, five per cent.; July 1, 1868, six per cent. up to $400, five per cent. on excess; July 1, 1869, six per cent. up to $500, five per cent. in excess; January 1, 1870, six per cent. up to $1,000, five per cent. on excess; July 1, 1870, six per cent.; January 1, 1878, five per cent.; July 1, 1881, four per cent.; July 1, 1886, three and a half per cent.; January, 1909, four per cent.; January, 1912, three and a half per cent.; July, 1915, four per cent.; July, 1922, four and a half per cent.; July, 1933, three per cent.; July, 1935, two and a half per cent.; and January, 1936, two per cent.

Down through the years the bank has been headed by nine presidents, the present head of the institution being Charles A. Van Deusen. Robert A. Barnard was president from 1850 to 1854; Nathan Chamberlain, until 1858; Matthew Mitchell, until 1862; Darius Peck, until 1879; Henry J. Baringer, until 1894; Edmund Holley, until 1907; William H. Traver, until 1911; R. B. Benedict, until 1915; and C. A. Van Deusen, since 1915. Mr. Van Deusen has a longer record of years in the presidency than any of the others, now having served a quarter of a century in this capacity. The first treasurer, as indicated above, was Josiah W. Fairfield, who served from 1850 to 1876; and he was succeeded by George B. Fairfield, his son, and Edwin C. Terry, who served from 1876 to 1879 and from 1879 to 1882, respectively. In 1882 Samuel R. Rainey became treasurer of the bank, and in 1900 S. Mitchell Rainey took the position. S. Mitchell Rainey still serves in this capacity.

The confidence with which the Hudson City Savings Institution's officers look to the future is indicated in the following sentence from a statement by them:

> We cannot predict what may happen during the next decade, but we believe that the bank will continue to grow in size and strength as in the past and be ready to celebrate its centennial anniversary in 1950.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS VAN DEUSEN—As president of The Hudson City Savings Institution, Charles Augustus Van Deusen has the principal executive responsibility in the direction of one of New York State's oldest savings banks. He has been active in the business life of Hudson for many years and has served in his present office since 1915.

Mr. Van Deusen was born near Ghent, Columbia County, on January 14, 1865, son of Charles Augustus and Julia (Marshall) Van Deusen and member of an old New York family. His father, a farmer until 1867, was afterward engaged in the wholesale groceries and provisions business until his death in 1893.

Charles Augustus Van Deusen, of this record, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Hudson and after attending Hudson Academy, entered the wholesale groceries and provision business with his father, beginning in 1882. This enterprise he continued after his father's death until 1929. As president of the C. A. Van Deusen Company from 1900 to 1930 he retained his position as an active figure in the city's business life. Meanwhile, in 1905, he was elected a trustee of The Hudson City Savings Institution and has continued the connection without interruption during the intervening years. It is interesting to note that a Van Deusen was a member of the original board of trustees of the bank, when it was chartered in 1850. The history of this institution appears elsewhere in these pages. In assuming the presidency of the bank in 1915, Mr. Van Deusen became not only its executive head but also the guardian of its fine traditions, which have been fully maintained during the years of his leadership.

Mr. Van Deusen is a member of the Holland Society of New York, the Fort Orange Club, of Albany, and a member of the American Arbitration Association. He is also a member of the Reformed Dutch Church.

On October 17, 1888, at Norwich, Connecticut, he married Grace Taintor Higgins, daughter of Werter Chapin and Grace Agnes (Taintor) Higgins. Mr. and Mrs. Van Deusen are the parents of three children: Leslie Marshall, Donald Higgins and Charles Werter Van Deusen.

ALEXANDER JOSEPH McDONALD—As general manager of the "Knickerbocker News" at Albany, Alexander Joseph McDonald continues his long and active career in newspaper work. He has been associated with a number of New York newspapers, and has risen to his present position on the basis of his record and experience.

Mr. McDonald was born in Auburn, New York, on October 30, 1901, son of James A. and Nellie McDonald. He was educated at St. Mary's Parochial School in Auburn and at Auburn Academic High School and immediately afterward joined the staff of the "Rochester Herald" as an advertising salesman. Subsequently, he served in the same capacity with the "Rochester Times-Union." The experience thus obtained led to his appointment as general manager of the "Olean Herald." Afterward he was associate publisher of the "Olean Times-Herald" and then returned to the "Rochester Times-Union" as national advertising manager. His appointment as general manager of the "Saratoga Springs Saratogian" followed.

In May, 1936, Mr. McDonald became general manager of the "Knickerbocker Press" (morning and Sunday) and the "Albany Evening News," of Albany. In June, 1937, these newspapers were consolidated, combining two papers whose history virtually spans the record of Albany journalism. The "Albany Evening News," founded October 10, 1922, acquired the "Albany Evening Journal" in 1925. The "Journal," founded by Thurlow Weed in 1830, was the first newspaper in Albany to receive a Presidential message by telegraph. The "Knickerbocker Press" was founded in 1842 by Hugh J. Hastings, absorbing the "Albany Argus" in 1921. The "Argus" originated in 1813. On the merger of the "Knickerbocker Press" and the "Albany Evening News," Mr. McDonald became the general manager of "The Knickerbocker News," the only evening newspaper in the city. The newspaper's publishing plant was modernized in 1936 under Mr. McDonald's direction.

Mr. McDonald is well known in upstate newspaper circles and as a resident of Albany has been active in other phases of the city's life. He is a member and director of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Club and the Albany Country Club, as well as the Wolferts Roost County Club, the Austerlitz Club and the Altamont Gun Club. Mr. McDonald is a Republican in politics and is a member of St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church in this city. His principal recreations are outdoor sports, particularly golf and shooting.

On August 30, 1924, at Rochester, he married Florence Ann Schockow, daughter of Rudolph and Minnie Schockow. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are the parents of six children: Jeanne, born February 8, 1926; Bruce, born December 16, 1927; Kathleen, born October 30, 1930; James, born March 17, 1932; Alexander Joseph, Jr., born January 30, 1933; and Raymond, born January 10, 1936.

EDWARD DANFORTH, M. D.—During his entire professional career as a physician and surgeon, Dr. Edward Danforth has been engaged in practice at Bainbridge. He is a member of a well-known local family and in addition to his medical responsibilities is also active in the general life of the community and county.

Dr. Danforth was born at Bainbridge on December 30, 1878, son of Elliot and Ida (Prince) Danforth. His father, a lawyer, was prominent in Democratic politics, served as chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and for a time was treasurer of the State of New York.

Edward Danforth received his preliminary education at Columbia Grammar School in New York City and subsequently entered Columbia University, where he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1902, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following the completion of his interneship, he returned to Bainbridge and began the general practice of medicine and surgery which he has since continued without interruption. He is associate visiting physician of Amelia Fox Hospital at Oneonta, and Chenango Memorial Hospital at Norwich and surgeon-in-chief at Bainbridge Hospital. Dr. Danforth is also a director of the First National Bank of Bainbridge and of the National Bank & Trust Company of Norwich. He has served as health officer of the town of Bainbridge, coroner of Chenango County, president of the Board of Education of Bainbridge and president of the village of Bainbridge. Dr. Danforth is also a member of the board of visitors of Binghamton State Hospital. During the first World War, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps and was on active duty, although not overseas. He is influential in all civic affairs of his community, is affiliated with Susquehanna Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the American Legion and is a member of State and County Medical societies as well as the American Medical Association. Local history has been one of his principal leisure interests and a reflection of this interest is seen in his service as president of the Chenango County Historical Society. Dr. Danforth is also a member of the New York State Historical Society. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian.

On January 18, 1905, at Gilboa, he married Helen Mattice, daughter of Richard and Mercie E. Mattice. Dr. and Mrs. Danforth are the parents of two sons: Elliott Danforth, II, born in 1906; and Edward Prince Danforth, born in 1908.

DANIEL CARROLL SHAUGHNESSY, M. D.—Very much a man of the present century, both as regards birth and as a physician, Dr. Daniel Carroll Shaughnessy, of Herkimer, New York, has come rapidly to the fore in his profession since beginning his career in 1937. Unlike many of the medical men graduated in the past few decades, he is not a specialist, but engages in a general practice.

Dr. Shaugnessy was born in Utica, New York, February 17, 1907, son of John Parker and Agnes Mary (Carroll) Shaughnessy. His mother, a native of Utica, was born in 1886. His father, born in Ireland, in 1864, came to the New World in 1898 and became an important contractor and citizen prior to his retirement. Daniel Carroll Shaughnessy prepared for higher education in the Utica High School from which he was graduated in 1925. Matriculating at the University of Notre Dame, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1930. Six years later he was graduated, a Doctor of Medicine, from Tufts Medical School. To a large extent he had earned his way while acquiring his academic education, and while this delayed his preparation somewhat, it no doubt added to his general knowledge and experience, as it did to his years. He interned in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, and in St. Francis Hospital, New York City, and was exceptionally ready to take over the responsibilities of a general practice when he located in Herkimer, the scene of his activities since.

Dr. Shaughnessy is a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association; serves on the staff of the Herkimer Memorial Hospital, and is school physician of the city of Herkimer. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1439. Dr. Shaughnessy is a Democrat in politics, and a member of Herkimer Service Club.

On June 23, 1938, Dr. Daniel Carroll Shaughnessy married Alice Isadore Mariott, of Herkimer, daughter of Albert and Carrie (Comfort) Mariott, and they are the parents of a daughter, Erin Cecelia, born July 23, 1940.

GEORGE JOHN FRANK, M. D.—Since 1928, Dr. George John Frank has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Frankfort. He has risen rapidly in his profession and today occupies a prominent place among the physicians of Herkimer County.

Born at Frankfort on October 26, 1902, Dr. Frank is a son of Francis and Rose (Sori) Frank, both born in Oriolo, Italy. His father, who is now deceased, came to this country in 1890 and settled at Frankfort. The mother is still living.

After the completion of his preliminary education in the Frankfort public schools, George John Frank entered Niagara University in 1921 and subsequently undertook the medical course at the University of Buffalo, where he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1927. During the following year he served as interne at the Allied Group Hospitals of the Sisters of Charity in Buffalo. Postgraduate work at the New York Polyclinic Hospital in New York City and the Cook County Post-Graduate School of Medicine in Chicago rounded out his very thorough preparations for his profession. Meanwhile, in 1928, he began general practice as a physician and surgeon at Frankfort and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities arising from the many demands upon his professional service. In 1940 he was elected president of the Herkimer County Medical Society, an indication of the respect which his attainments as a physician and surgeon command.

Dr. Frank is also a member of the American Medical Association and the New York State Medical Association. For a period of years he has been a member of the staff of Ilion Hospital. He is active in other connections outside his profession and is a member of a number of local organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, the Mohawk Valley Country Club and Ilion Lodge, No. 1444, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In religious faith, Dr. Frank is a Roman Catholic. Golf is his favorite recreation.

In 1930 he married Mary Florentia Pate, of Croghan, Lewis County.

JOHN STAFFORD ELLITHORP, Jr.—For many years John Stafford Ellithorp, Jr., has been associated with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, at Canajoharie, and he has at the same time figured prominently in the life of his community and in a variety of business activities.

Mr. Ellithorp was born March 9, 1895, at Palatine Bridge, New York, son of John and Lillian (Van Evera) Ellithorp. His father, born in 1864 at Palatine Bridge, died in October, 1934, was president of the Canajoharie National Bank and vice-president of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, in this city. The mother, born in 1864 in Sprakers, New York, died in October, 1920.

John Stafford Ellithorp, Jr., attended public schools at Palatine Bridge, and in 1916 took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York, majoring there in chemistry. He also studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When the United States entered the war, he became attached to the Chemical Warfare Service, in which he held the rank of second lieutenant and continued in the service for thirteen months, from November, 1917, to December, 1918. Since

June, 1917, he has been continuously associated with the Beech-Nut Packing Company, connected mainly with the packing and manufacturing branch of the business. He started work as a chemist in this company's Rochester plant, but in 1920 came to the Canajoharie plant. After a time he was made secretary of the company, then became vice-president, the office that he holds today. He is also a director of the Beech-Nut Packing Company; vice-president and a director of the Canajoharie National Bank; a director of the Canajoharie Building and Loan Association; and vice-president and a director of the Fairmont Box Company, of Fairmont, West Virginia.

Keenly interested in public affairs, he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Ellithorp is also a member of the Fort Rensselaer Club, the Canajoharie and Antlers Country clubs and vice-president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, and plays considerable golf.

John Stafford Ellithorp, Jr., married, April 3, 1918, Clara Luther, of Olean, New York, daughter of Charles Luther and Emma (McNeil) Luther. Three daughters were born of this marriage: 1. Jane Luther Ellithorp, member of the class of 1941 at Smith College. 2. Barbara Ann Ellithorp, member of the class of 1943 at Duke University. 3. Sue Claire Ellithorp, a student at Walnut Hill School, Natick, Massachusetts.

ALBERT LANSING FAGAN, M. D.—Some three decades ago, Dr. Albert Lansing Fagan began the general practice of medicine at Herkimer. He has spent the intervening years in professional service which has brought him constantly growing responsibilities and is today one of the best known physicians of the Herkimer area.

Dr. Fagan was born in Herkimer on November 16, 1885, son of James and Mary (Murray) Fagan. His father, who was born in Rassilough, County Meath, Ireland, was one of the first Irish settlers in Herkimer. He spent many years in the service of the New York Central Railroad and was subsequently manager of the Home Telephone Company lines until that corporation was acquired by the New York Telephone Company. At the time of his death, on February 25, 1919, he had reached the advanced age of eighty-one and had been for sixty-two years a resident of Herkimer. James Fagan married, on February 7, 1863, Mary Murray, who was born in Jacksonburgh, Herkimer County, in 1843, and died on December 14, 1923, at the age of eighty. On February 7, 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan celebrated together their golden wedding anniversary. They were the parents of ten children.

Albert Lansing Fagan, youngest of these children, was educated in the public schools of Herkimer, where he completed his course in 1902, and at Niagara University, in Niagara Falls, New York. He prepared for his profession at Syracuse University, and after taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1908, spent the following two years as interne at St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers, New York, and at the New York Infant Asylum in New York City. Upon his return to Herkimer in 1910 he launched the general practice which he has since continued in this city. Dr. Fagan rapidly established his professional reputation and with passing years the demands upon his services have grown to large proportions. He is consulted by many from areas adjacent to Herkimer as well as those who have long been his patients in the city itself.

Dr. Fagan is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Herkimer County Medical Society. He has served over a period of years as health officer for the city of Herkimer and in addition to his professional connections has taken an active part in the life of his community. He is affiliated fraternally with Herkimer Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a founder and charter member, and with the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Down and Out Club of Herkimer, and a life member of the Herkimer County Historical Society, the latter reflecting his vital interest in the history and traditions of the region which has always been his home. He is a Catholic.

On October 17, 1912, Dr. Fagan married, in New York City, Henrietta Virginia MacNeil, who was born in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, daughter of Malcolm MacNeil, a Canadian of Scottish extraction. Dr. and Mrs. Fagan became the parents of four children: Albert Kay, born January 22, 1915, died April 24, 1915; Clara Virginia, born June 15, 1916; Malcolm MacNeil, born February 8, 1918; and Madaline Marie, born December 8, 1919. Mrs. Fagan passed away July 19, 1930. On January 21, 1932, Dr. Fagan married Lillian Moore, of Fulton, New York. A son, Thomas, was born to them on May 2, 1935.

CARL WILLIAM PETERSON—As a practicing lawyer in Ilion and as district attorney of Herkimer County since 1930, Carl William Peterson has served his community well.

Mr. Peterson was born March 16, 1898, in Ilion, Herkimer County, New York, son of Peter and Mary (Johnson) Peterson, both natives of Denmark. His father, born April 5, 1868, in Tanderys Songn, that land, died January 25, 1932; he came to the United States early in life and became a painter and farmer. He was a Republican in politics after coming to this country. The mother was born September 10, 1873, at Skolborg, Denmark, and died November 30, 1918.

Public schools of Ilion, his New York State birthplace, provided Carl William Peterson's early education, and after graduation from high school here in 1916 he became a student at Cornell University, in Ithaca, his course being interrupted by the World War. He took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School in 1922. Admitted to the New York State bar on March 15, 1923, he started the practice of law immediately thereafter, and soon became associated with the law office of Frank A. Schmidt, at Ilion. In 1927 he became Mr. Schmidt's partner, so continuing down to the time of writing. The two men are now engaged together in the practice of law under the firm name of Schmidt and Peterson, with headquarters at No. 14 Otsego Street, Ilion. Their practice is of a general nature, covering all branches of the profession.

Mr. Peterson's service in public life began at an early period. He is a Republican in his political views, and his work as district attorney of Herkimer began in 1930. At the time of writing he is serving his fourth term in this office, this term expiring in 1942. Mr. Peterson is active in many local organizations, serving on the board of directors of the Ilion National Bank and interesting himself in the community's financial and business life. He is also a director of Ilion Hospital, the Ilion Cemetery Association and of the local post of the American Legion. During the World War, Mr. Peterson served in the United States Navy, enlisting on May 22, 1918, and being honorably discharged December 18, 1918.

He belongs to the Herkimer County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Ilion Community Club, Herkimer Service Club, Cedar Lake Club, and Ilion Post, No. 920, of the American Legion. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to many branches, including Ilion Lodge, No. 591, Iroquois Chapter, No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and different Scottish Rite bodies, in which he has attained to the thirty-second degree. He is Past District Deputy of the Fulton-Herkimer-Montgomery Masonic district. He is also active in Litchfield Grange and the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a member of Ilion Lodge, No. 1444, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Another organization with which he is affiliated is the Herkimer Down and Out Club. He is a member of the "40 and 8." In the Protestant Episcopal Church he serves as a vestryman. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors and healthful outdoor sports and recreations, playing a great deal of golf.

In Ilion, New York, August 22, 1927, Carl William Peterson married Anna M. Fisher, a native of Fort Plain, daughter of Dr. F. J. and Emma (Williams) Fisher. Her father was born in Montgomery County, and Mrs. Peterson herself is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. One son, Carl W. Peterson, Jr., born May 23, 1932, at Utica, of this marriage, is now a student here.

DOMINICK ALOISIO, M. D.—Since 1931, Dr. Dominick Aloisio has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Herkimer. During these years he has risen rapidly in his profession and is now a well-known physician of the Herkimer area.

Dr. Aloisio was born at Torre de Ruggiero, Province of Catanzara, Calabria, Italy, on February 3, 1900, son of Louis and Marianna Aloisio, who came to this country in 1901. His father, who died on November 25, 1931, was a merchant in Herkimer for many years. His mother died on December 10, 1937. They were the parents of seven children: 1. Dominick. 2. Louise, married James Grandi. 3 Anna, married Joseph Beauchamp. 4. Catherine, married Felix Piseck. 5. Virgil, married Blanche Beauchamp. 6. Frank, married Josephine Munson. 7. Adeline, married Walter Hartigan.

Dominick Aloisio was still in infancy when he accompanied his parents to the United States. He received his preliminary education in the Herkimer public schools and was graduated from high school in 1919. Subsequently he studied at Columbia University and at New York Medical College, where he completed his preparation for his profession in 1930, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year Dr. Aloisio served as interne at Mount Vernon Hospital, in Mount Vernon, New York. In 1931 he returned to Herkimer and established the general practice of medicine and surgery, to which he has since devoted himself. He practices general medicine and surgery and devotes a great part of his time to eye, ear, nose and throat work. In 1939 he took a postgraduate course in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and New York Medical College in New York City.

In addition to the responsibilities of his own practice, Dr. Aloisio served as school physician of Herkimer from 1931 to 1939. He has also been active in local medical organizations and is now associate secretary of the Herkimer Academy of Medicine and third vice-president of the Herkimer County Medical Society. Apart from these connections he is a member of the New York State and American Medical associations, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Service Club of Herkimer and the Mohawk Valley Country Club. Dr. Aloisio is a Republican in politics and a member of the Young Men's Republican Club of Herkimer. A communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, he is a member of St. Anthony's parish in Herkimer. Bowling, golf and fishing are his favorite recreations.

On January 13, 1940, at Herkimer, Dr. Aloisio married Helen Lourdes Jones, who was born in Utica, daughter of William Harrison and Marie (Spring) Jones. Mrs. Aloisio is a registered nurse, a graduate of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital at Pontiac, Michigan, and was supervising nurse at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, for five years.

Dr. Aloisio has his home at No. 425 Caroline Street and has offices for his practice at No. 222 North Main Street, in the Griswold Building, Herkimer, New York.

CARL OTTO PFAFF—Since he came to Old Forge in 1917 as cashier of the First National Bank, Carl Otto Pfaff has played an active part in the business and civic life of this community. He continues his connection with the management of the First National Bank, but also devotes part of his time to the real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Pfaff was born at Copenhagen, Lewis County, on October 21, 1887, son of John and Ardell (Maurer) Pfaff. His father, a farmer in Lewis County, was born at Naumburg. His mother, born at Beaver Falls, is now deceased.

Carl Otto Pfaff received his general education in the public schools of West Carthage, where he completed the high school course in 1905. Afterward he studied law at New York Law School, in New York City. He was employed as bookkeeper in the Fifth National Bank in New York City from 1905 to 1917, and came to Old Forge in the latter year as an experienced banker to take over the position of cashier in the local First National Bank. Mr. Pfaff continues as cashier and director of the bank. He has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business here under his own name since 1917, an enterprise which has developed steadily under his active management.

Mr. Pfaff is a Republican in politics. He was village treasurer of Old Forge for two years and for nineteen years served as treasurer of the local school district. His civic connections are numerous and have extended the scope of his influence in community affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Northwoods Lodge, No. 849, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and with the higher York Rite bodies of the order, including the Royal Arch Chapter and the Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member and Past Potentate of Ziyara Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In addition to these connections, Mr. Pfaff is a member of the Fulton Chain Fish and Game Club and of Nichols Memorial Church, of which he was formerly a trustee. In earlier years he served an enlistment in the New York National Guard and saw active service on the Mexican border from June to November, 1916, with the Second Company of the old 7th Regiment. During the World War he was chairman of all five Liberty Loan drives in the Old Forge District and was otherwise active in the organized war-time movements. At present he is a member of the Herkimer County Defense Council, appointed by Governor Lehman. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

On September 26, 1914, in New York City, Carl Otto Pfaff married Hazel Sims Peary, who was born in New York City, daughter of the late John Peary and Amy (DeGray) Peary. Mr. and Mrs. Pfaff are the parents of one son, Robert Arthur, born at Old Forge on April 5, 1918. He was graduated from Old Forge High School in 1936, from Colgate University in 1940 and is now a student at Rochester Medical School.

DURANT G. THOMPSON—Exceptionally well educated and experienced in the law, Durant G. Thompson established a general practice of his profession at Old Forge, Herkimer County, in 1935. Along with his enlarging success at the bar has gone service of the community and county in official capacities.

Mr. Thompson was born at Blue Mountain Lake, Hamilton County, New York, April 30, 1903, son of John George and Emma Thompson, his father being the superintendent of the Racquet Lake Transportation Company. The son, who was named in honor of William West Durant (*q. v.*), was encouraged to acquire the best education possible, and did so at personal sacrifice and hard work. After attending the elementary schools of Webb Township, he was graduated from the Webb Township High School, in 1920. Four years later he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1924, Hamilton College. For his professional training he chose what many consider the best law school in the United States, the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated in 1928, a Bachelor of Laws.

At the beginning of his professional career, Mr. Thompson became associated with the law firm of Carter, Ledyard and Milburn, New York City, remaining from the summer of 1928 on into 1929. From 1930 to 1935, he was associated with the firm of Hiscock, Williams and Cowie in Syracuse, New York. Since March, 1935, he has been engaged in private practice at Old Forge, a prominent and popular figure in its coterie of professional men. Mr. Thompson was assistant district attorney of Hamilton County, from January, 1935, into 1938; attorney for the village of Old Forge, 1935 to 1937; and attorney for the town of Webb, Herkimer County, since 1935. He is attorney for the First National Bank of Old Forge, and represents other corporations in the courts. He is a member of the Herkimer County Bar Association, a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, and his religious affiliations are with the Nichols Memorial Church.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in June, 1935, Durant G. Thompson married Pauline Hanning, born here, daughter of Charles Hanning.

MOSES ASCHER COHEN—In all parts of our country there are men from abroad like Moses Ascher Cohen, of Old Forge, Herkimer County, who came here seeking a livelihood under better conditions. Like him they speedily absorb American ideas and methods, and become valuable supporters of our ways and institutions and contribute importantly to the progress and prosperity of the New World. Mr. Cohen was born at Stakleskis, Russia, May 7, 1874, son of Joseph and Annie Rachel Cohen, natives of Russia.

Coming to the United States at the age of fourteen years, Mr. Cohen settled in Dannemora, New York, July 15, 1888, and was a salesman for about two and a half years. He then went into business with his brother, David, at Bloomingdale, New York. At the beginning of the present century he opened a store in Old Forge which has gradually been expanded into an establishment that deals in hardware, lumber, plumbing and builder's supplies of all kinds, furniture and house furnishings. In 1910 this enterprise was incorporated as the Old Forge Hardware & Furniture Company, and he has been the president and treasurer from the first. Other company officials include: secretary, Mrs. Mollie Cohen; and assistant secretary, Richard Cohen, the founder's son.

Moses Ascher Cohen also is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Old Forge. A Republican in politics, he is a former treasurer of the village of Old Forge. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Adirondack Hotelmen's Association.

After the death of his first wife, Sayte Cohen, who was born at Utica, New York, Mr. Cohen married Mollie Saffer, born in Kovno, Russia, daughter of Hyman and Annie Saffer, both natives of Russia. Mr. Cohen is the father of two children by his first marriage: 1. Harriet Eunice, born in Utica, New York, February 17, 1906, who married Hyman Kaplan, of Rome, New York. 2. Arthur Richard, born June 20, 1908, in Utica, who married Judith Lowenstein, of New York City.

JOHN LUCAS BAKER—After many years of activity in the bookbinding industry, John Lucas Baker withdrew from his executive position with Van Benthuysen's, in Albany, and established himself on a farm in East Greenbush.

Mr. Baker was born January 25, 1884, in Albany, New York, son of John H. and Henrietta (Faber) Baker, both of Dutch descent. His father was for years a railroad inspector with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

Schools of Albany, New York, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, provided John Lucas Baker's early formal education, and at the age of sixteen years he entered Van Benthuysen's, in Albany, as an apprentice in the bookbinding department. For thirty years he remained with this firm, being gradually promoted until he attained to an executive position. East Greenbush has been his residence since 1909, and in 1930 he purchased twenty acres of farmland in East Greenbush, here building a new home and developing his property.

Long active in East Greenbush affairs, he was town clerk from 1925 to 1940, and in 1938 was chosen a town supervisor. In these public offices Mr. Baker has rendered valuable service, and in a variety of ways he has revealed his deep interest in community affairs and has aided projects that have appealed to him as worthy. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Grange, and was an organizer and at one time president of the East Greenbush Volunteer Fire Department. His service to the fire company has been a notable one, and East Greenbush is, indeed, fortunate in listing him among its residents.

In the First Dutch Reformed Church he is a past deacon and an elder. His activity along these lines has earned for him wide approbation in the church circle, and Mr. Baker is recognized as one of the leaders in his denomination in this region.

In 1907, in Albany, New York, John Lucas Baker married Minnie Van Duran, daughter of John and Jane (Van de Burgh) Van Duran, of Albany. Mrs. Baker is active in the Grange and serves as chaplain in her chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. John L. Baker, Jr., born in 1909, now an engineer in the State Department of Public Works, in Albany; he married Melvina Davies. 2. Harold E. Baker, born in 1915, now associated with the Clark Carpet Company, in Albany; he married, in September, 1940, Elizabeth Smith, of Bridport, Vermont.

DARIUS PARSONS MARLETTE—Following a long and varied business career, Darius Parsons Marlette returned to Fultonville, where he was born, and during the past eight years has been engaged in general farming in this Montgomery County community. Mr. Marlette is also postmaster of the town.

He was born here on January 17, 1887, son of John C. and Annie E. (Fonda) Marlette and a descendant of Gideon Marlette, who settled in Montgomery County about 1750. His father, born at Princetown, New York, in 1851 and now deceased, was a civil engineer and expert accountant. During the administration of Grover Cleveland he was postmaster of Fultonville. The mother, Annie E. (Fonda) Marlette, was born in Fultonville in 1853.

Darius Parsons Marlette was educated in the public schools of Fultonville and after leaving high school worked for the Bloomstein Fabric Company in this town from 1907 to 1912. During the following two years he was employed in the passenger service department of the New York Central Railroad, after which he became associated with his brother-in-law, Leland C. Owens, in the creamery and cold storage business at Little Falls. In 1916, with the progress of the World War, he obtained employment in the munitions works at Ilion and continued there until July 10, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army. Assigned to the 23d Infantry, 2d Division, he served overseas for eighteen months with the American Expeditionary Forces, participating in engagements of the American armies at Verdun, the Aisne-Marne campaign and the Meuse-Argonne front. On July 18, 1918, he was wounded in action while on the Meuse-Argonne front, but continued in the army for another year. In July, 1919, he received his discharge with the grade of corporal and returned to civil life.

From 1919 to 1923, Mr. Marlette was employed at Amsterdam. During the following three years he was engaged in the silk business at Tonawanda and afterward continued in the same business until 1932. At the end of this time he returned to Fultonville, where he has since devoted himself to general farming and dairying, operating a 105-acre property. Mr. Marlette immediately established his position in the life of the community and has played an important rôle in local affairs since his return. On August 2, 1937, he was appointed postmaster of Fultonville by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for a four-year term which he is now serving.

Mr. Marlette has always been a Democrat in politics and is active in the party. He is affiliated fraternally with Fultonville Lodge, No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Improved Order of Red Men and is also a member of Fonda Post, No. 383, American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Association of Postmasters, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Community Club of Fultonville and the Valley Fish and Game Club. Mr. Marlette is a prominent layman of the Dutch Reformed Church and serves as secretary of the board of trustees of the Reformed Church at Fultonville. He is fond of outdoor sports, but his principal hobby is the collection of antiques.

Mr. Marlette married, at Corinth, New York, Cora Leuwald, who was born in Gloversville.

FENTON B. NEAL—Fenton B. Neal has devoted about thirty years of his life to compounding medicines in New York State and of this time about twenty-two years have been given to the pharmacy of Oneonta.

Mr. Neal was born in the town of Middlefield, on September 1, 1889. His parents were the late John H. Neal, deceased, and Lottie C. (Webb) Neal who lives at Cherry Valley, New York. John H. Neal was a successful contractor and builder in Cherry Valley and was a native of Otsego County.

Fenton B. Neal had his elementary training in the public schools, succeeded by a full course at the Albany College of Pharmacy, from which he passed in 1911 with the degree of Graduate of Pharmacy.

He first put his academic training into practical effect as a drug clerk for David Doran at Cooperstown, and after two years' experience accepted the position of pharmacist for Church & Scott in the same community. Here he remained for five years, but in 1918 took a similar position in Oneonta with the late Elmer E. Scatchard. In 1919 he entered the employment of Brinkman & Shippey, druggists of Oneonta. Then Mr. Scatchard, having realized his worth, made him a partner in his City Drug Company where he continues as partner with the Scatchard estate, and has achieved repute as one of the most safe and skillful druggists of this region.

Pharmacy is an exacting profession, but what time he has away from it and his home Mr. Neal gives to the Elks, the Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce, and especially, as a hobby, to local history, for he has delved a good deal into old historical documents and extracted information from them such as only students of this kind of lore can appreciate.

Fenton B. Neal married Eva C. Bradley, at Cherry Valley on June 14, 1911. Mrs. Neal is a daughter of the late Christopher Bradley and Mary (Thompson) Bradley. Mr. and Mrs. Neal have a son, Fenton B. Neal, Jr., born June 10, 1912, at Cooperstown. He was graduated at Oneonta High School. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute made him an Electrical Engineer in 1934 and conferred the degree of Master of Electrical Engineering in 1935. In 1939 he married, at Providence, Rhode Island, Hilda Dobbing and he is now in the engineering department at Providence of the International Business Machine Corporation. He is a member of Sigma Zeta and of the Rensselaer Society of Engineers.

MICHAEL G. MILLER—As a leading merchant of West Sand Lake, where his interests have centered since 1922, "Mike" Miller is widely known in this section of Rensselaer County and is an influential figure in its life.

He was born at Poestenkill on September 12, 1884, son of John and Mary (Scherer) Miller, both now deceased. His father was a farmer, operating 180 acres, and "Mike" Miller spent his early years on the farm, receiving his education in local public schools. It was not until 1922 that he left the farm and bought extensive property in the village of West Sand Lake. Here, on a Main Street frontage, he erected a general store, and at the same time bought an ice cream parlor adjacent to his store. In 1927 he enlarged his building and included a modern meat market and grocery department. Although he retired in 1933 he returned to active business in 1938 and has since continued under the name of Mike Miller & Sons.

Mr. Miller now operates the only store of its kind in West Sand Lake. When he first went into business his place was equipped with only the bare necessities, but he has since installed completely modern equipment in every department and has progressively enlarged his stock until it is now equal to that of the very best stores in communities of comparable size. He employs three clerks. On December 18, 1940, Mr. Miller changed his store to a self-service establishment and since making this modern progressive move has doubled his business. Although he came relatively late to business, he has proved himself a progressive and successful merchant and has the respect of the wide public which he serves.

Mr. Miller is a past constable of the town of Poestenkill and at present a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of West Sand Lake. He has been too busy to enter public life, but his interest in civic affairs and his influence in his community are acknowledged. He is a member of St. Henry's Church at Averill Park.

In 1913, at Albany, Mr. Miller married Margaret Roberts, daughter of Humphrey and Margaret Roberts, natives of Wales. They are the parents of two sons: Chester Michael, born April 21, 1919, at present employed by the Troy Telephone Company and stationed at Glens Falls; and John Harold, born July 5, 1920, a graduate of Averill Park Central High School, now associated with his father in business. By a previous marriage Mrs. Miller has one son, George Arnold Roberts, who married Esther Burney and has one daughter, Jean Margaret, born February 16, 1922.

JOSEPH WILLIAM COONRAD—A member of old established families in Rensselaer County, who pioneered its development, Joseph William Coonrad was himself something of a pioneer in connection with vehicles. More than sixty years ago he had become an expert blacksmith and wheelwright, and in 1887, at the age of thirty years had a forge and shop at Center Brunswick, in the county. This was before there were automobiles and long prior to the time when automotive vehicles became common on the farm and in the country. He eventually changed the direction of his vocation and engaged in the care and repair of automobiles, operating a filling station and garage in Center Brunswick to which he has given his attention until the present time.

Mr. Coonrad was born November 17, 1857, in Rensselaer County, New York, son of Jacob and Jane (Finkle) Coonrad. After attending the public schools he began earning a livelihood, and eventually owned his own business as above indicated. He is a Republican of long standing, at one time being active in party affairs. He is of the Methodist faith and a generous supporter of religious and charitable works.

On November 11, 1878, Joseph William Coonrad married Edith Streeter, daughter of Abner and Mary A. (Trumbull) Streeter, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Hattie, born April 15, 1880, who married John D. Goewey, and they have two children: i. Miriam. ii. J. Meredith, who is married to Helen Lee and has one child, Jane. 2. Mildred Edith, born August 19, 1893, who married Arthur J. Gummer, and they are the parents of three children: i. Arthur W., born in 1913, is married to Dorothy Radz, and has three children: Marilyn, born in 1938; Arthur, born in 1939, and Donald, born in 1940. ii. Edith, is married to Robert Fichtner and is the mother of a son, Donald, born in 1940. iii. Ruth, married Cecil Nash and has a daughter, Arlene.

GEORGE PHILIP DICKINSON—With a broad background of business experience, George Philip Dickinson is particularly well fitted for the work that he performs as postmaster of Schaghticoke, to which office he was appointed in 1937 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Dickinson was born November 18, 1905, in Chatham, New York, son of Fayette and Mary (Yates) Dickinson, of Chatham. His father is a physician.

Public schools of his native district provided George Philip Dickinson's early formal education, and he was graduated from Union High School, at New Lebanon. Upon finishing his formal schooling, he was associated for a time with the Stephentown Kennels, of Stephentown, New York. Later he was engaged in the automobile business in Central Park, Long Island, then took a post as manager of the local theatre at Freeport, Long Island. Remaining there for three years, Mr. Dickinson was appointed postmaster in 1937, and at the time of writing is serving in this office under appointment for an indefinite term.

Not only has Mr. Dickinson done much to improve the postal system here, but he has interested himself in a variety of public activities. He was a member of the National Guard, which he joined at Hempstead, Long Island. He belongs also to the Roman Catholic Church.

George Philip Dickinson married Anna Lesson, daughter of Frank and Emma (Carr) Lesson.

EARL BRENENSTUHL—As supervisor of the town of Pittstown in Rensselaer County, Earl Brenenstuhl continues the tradition of prominence in civic and public life long associated in this section with the family name. He has been a farmer here during most of his active career and has business interests as a merchant at Tomhannock.

Mr. Brenenstuhl was born in Pittstown on November 21, 1897, son of Richard and Anna (Wing) Brenenstuhl and a member of a family established in this county several generations ago. His father, who died in 1918, was a farmer; he was also the first superintendent of highways in the town of Pittstown and served the town in many other ways. The mother, Anna (Wing) Brenenstuhl, died in 1921.

After a public school education, Earl Brenenstuhl remained on his father's farm at Tomhannock until 1924. At that time he opened a general store in his community and has since devoted the greater part of his attention to the operation of this business which has grown steadily and has always been conducted on a profitable basis. He continues his farming interests, however, and has at present 165 acres devoted to general farming and the maintenance of a mixed herd of cows for dairying.

Mr. Brenenstuhl's interest in public affairs is of long standing. He has been ready at all times to play his part in the civic progress of his community, town and county, and his election to important public office indicates the position which he holds in the life of this section. Mr. Brenenstuhl served as town clerk of the town of Pittstown for several years and was subsequently elected supervisor of the town and member of the County Board of Supervisors. He continues to serve as supervisor in a township which includes five villages, and has won the confidence of his constituency on the strength of his record as a public official and his acknowledged public spirit in both public and private life.

Mr. Brenenstuhl is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange and is a member of the official board of Tomhannock Methodist church.

In 1919 he married Mary E. Finch, of Valley Falls, and they are the parents of one son, George R., born February 9, 1923, now a student at the New York State College of Agriculture in Cobleskill.

WILMA IRENE SURDAM—As postmaster of Hoosick, Wilma Irene Surdam is one of the responsible officials of the community in which she has spent her life.

Miss Surdam was born at North Hoosick on April 14, 1913, daughter of Edwin A. Surdam, ticket agent at Hoosick for the Boston and Maine Railroad since 1898, and Kate D. (Mattison) Surdam. She was educated in the public schools of Hoosick and Hoosick Falls and has been active in the life of the town since her early years. Miss Surdam is well known for her civic interests and for her position in local councils of the Democratic party. Her appointment as postmaster of Hoosick dates from January 7, 1937, when she received her commission from Postmaster-General James A. Farley, an appointment reflecting her standing in the community. She is serving an indefinite term under her appointment and has discharged efficiently the duties of her responsible Federal office.

Miss Surdam is a member of the National, State and County Postmasters' associations. She has been interested in the history and fine traditions of the region in which she makes her home and has made a hobby of philately, having a fine collection of rare American and foreign stamps. In religious faith she is a Baptist.

MARK ANDREW SWEENEY—As a leading business man of Valley Falls and a prominent figure in the public life of the town, Mark Andrew Sweeney has exercised an important influence in its affairs for many years. He is active in many interests, has served in both local and Federal offices and is now postmaster here.

Mr. Sweeney was born at Johnsonville on May 12, 1871, son of Owen Sweeney, who was a tool maker, and Ellen (Winn) Sweeney. He was eleven years old when his parents moved to Valley Falls and has resided here continuously since 1882. After completing his education in the local public schools, Mr. Sweeney was apprenticed to Charles A. Sproat, a Valley Falls cigar manufacturer, and in 1902 was made foreman of the factory. In 1904 he purchased a half interest in the business, which was operated under the name of Sproat & Sweeney until 1917, when he sold his holdings and established a general store in Valley Falls. This business, which has since grown to large proportions, he still owns. In recent years, Mr. Sweeney has extended his interests in other fields. He owns twenty-one tenant houses in the village and in 1937 bought out the Hercules Powder Company in Valley Falls, a purchase including the power rights enjoyed by the company and 320 acres of land. In the following year he sold these power rights to the New York Power & Light Company, but still retains ownership of the property.

Meanwhile, in 1915, Mr. Sweeney was appointed postmaster of Valley Falls by Postmaster-General Albert S. Burleson. Upon taking office his efforts to increase the income of the local post office were so successful that in March, 1916, its status was changed from a fourth-class post office to a third-class post office. Mr. Sweeney then received a formal appointment as postmaster from President Woodrow Wilson and continued in office until 1922. Following the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President, he was reappointed postmaster of Valley Falls in 1934 and is now serving an indefinite term during which he has again manifested the enterprise and efficiency which distinguished his administration of his office in the past.

Mr. Sweeney has also contributed largely to the development of Valley Falls and its principal institutions in local offices of responsibility and trust. He became a member of the town excise board in 1894, served as mayor of Valley Falls in 1910 and is now a trustee of the town, a director of the Public Library and a member of the board of education. In addition to these connections he is a director of the Valley Falls Volunteer Fire Department and a director of the National Postmasters' Association. During the World War, Mr. Sweeney was active in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives in the local area. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1896, at Valley Falls, Mr. Sweeney married Helen McGowan, daughter of William M. and Mary Ann (Conlon) McGowan. They are the parents of two children: Mary, born in 1898, married Deroy I. Carpenter; and Mark James, born in 1905, an engineer in the Highway Department of the State of New York, who married Anna Losow and has one child, Carl Anne, born December 24, 1936.

CLARENCE MALDEN WELLS—The position which Clarence Malden Wells occupies in the life of Petersburg and Rensselaer County results not only from his active business career, but from his long public service and his standing as an authority on the history of this region. He is town clerk of Petersburg and official local historian, dividing his time between these and other public duties and the management of his own feed and grain business.

Mr. Wells was born in Petersburg on December 6, 1876, son of Horace W. and Huldah (Young) Wells. His father, who was born in 1824 and died in 1907, was a miller; he was also an officer in the New York State Militia and in 1864 served as supervisor of the town of Petersburg. The mother, Huldah (Young) Wells, was born in 1836 and died in 1910.

Clarence Malden Wells was educated in the public schools of Petersburg and as a young man traveled for various firms until 1906. In that year he returned to Petersburg and established the feed and grain business, of which he has since been sole owner and manager. Mr. Wells' avocation has been the study of local history and the service of his community. These duties now occupy the greater part of his time. His knowledge of local traditions and the story of the development of this historic region is scholarly and comprehensive, and his part in keeping alive the records of the past have made him known to all who share his historical interests. Mr. Wells has been an occasional contributor to historical publications and as a genealogist has assisted in the compilation of various records of the lineal descendants of the pioneers of his community and county. These include "Descendants of Robert Burdick," by Mrs. F. L. Johnstone, of Norwich, and the "Weaver Genealogy" by Lucien E. Weaver, of Rochester. Mr. Wells has also been instrumental in having historic markers placed in this area and in 1934 was in charge of the Brimmer 160th anniversary, celebrating a line from which Richard Dix, the motion picture star, is descended. Because of his recognized authority in the field, he was appointed local historian of Petersburg in 1926, an office in which he has since been very active. In addition to this connection, he is the present town clerk of Petersburg, having first served as such from 1912 to 1916 and again from 1926 to 1934. His present tenure in the office dates from 1936.

Mr. Wells was also inspector of elections from 1916 to 1926, has been fire warden of Petersburg since 1930, and was a school trustee from 1921 to 1929. Since 1928 he has served as superintendent of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. He is a director of the Rensselaer County Fire Insurance Company and a member of the Petersburg Methodist Church. Since 1925 he has been registrar of vital statistics for the town of Petersburg. Mr. Wells has continuously held some public office since January 1, 1912.

On July 21, 1906, at Petersburg, Mr. Wells married Stella C. Babcock, daughter of William and Louisa (McBride) Babcock, of Petersburg. They became the parents of eight children: C. Malden, born August 4, 1907, a salesman, who married Irma Nichols and has one child, Arden, born June 17, 1929; Doris, born June 17, 1909, who married Daniel Cunha and has one daughter, Patricia, born April 12, 1940; Elinor, born May 11, 1911, now associated with Montgomery Ward & Company; Horace W., born August 22, 1914, now in the United States Army, holding position of first class cook; Lyndall, born April 21, 1916, died March 21, 1917; Pamelia, born February 27, 1918, married Victor Neaton and has one son, Thomas V., born April 21, 1940, and twin girls, Pamelia and Priscilla, born May 6, 1941; William Wayne, born July 14, 1920, employed as a machinist by the General Electric Company; and Mary, born April 22, 1922, who lives at home with her parents.

WALTER E. ROBSON—For more than a quarter of a century, Walter E. Robson has been active in the life of Hoosick Falls, building up a large business as a furniture merchant, funeral director and dealer in electrical appliances and supplies. He is well known throughout

Rensselaer County, where he has also been prominent in many civic interests.

Mr. Robson was born in Hoosick Falls on July 11, 1888, son of Charles A. Robson, a merchant, who died in 1914, and May (Hewitt) Robson. He was educated in the Hoosick Falls schools, where he completed the high school course in 1907, and afterwards entered Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated in 1911. He is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Upon leaving college, Mr. Robson became associated with the Western Electric Company in Chicago and continued this connection for two years. Returning to Hoosick Falls, he established the Robson Furniture Store in 1914, an enterprise which has grown to large proportions during the intervening years. With the development of his business he purchased the building in which the Robson store is situated and now occupies the entire structure. He has added to his stock a complete line of General Electric supplies and employs, in addition to five clerks, a large outside sales force operating throughout a trade area of approximately 750 square miles. Since 1914 Mr. Robson has also carried on an undertaking business and now has the finest establishment of its kind in Hoosick Falls.

During the entire course of his career in this community, Mr. Robson has lent his influence and support as a leading merchant to useful civic enterprise. In the World War period he was active in various war drives and was local chairman of the Red Cross campaigns. He has given of his time and means to community institutions and in the difficult depression years, served actively with the several agencies seeking to mitigate the consequences of the depression. From 1930 to 1935 he was relief chairman for Rensselaer County and has filled official posts in connection with the T. E. R. A. and C. W. A. He is an active member of the Hoosick Falls Chamber of Commerce, of which he is past secretary, and is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Country Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is Past Master of his Blue Lodge and a member of the Royal Arch Chapter. Mr. Robson is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

He married, on August 27, 1914, in Hoosick Falls, Mabel C. Blake. Mr. and Mrs. Robson have two sons: 1. Walter E., Jr., born September 28, 1915, who was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1937 and Syracuse University in 1940 and was formerly professor of fine arts at Bay Shore, Long Island; is now (1941) in the United States Navy. 2. Harold B., born March 27, 1920, graduated at Norwich University, now (1941) in the United States Army.

JOHN H. FINNERTY—Known to his many friends simply as "Honest John," a sobriquet that he well merited, John H. Finnerty was for many years engaged in farming, and in different periods of his life he held public office and occupied important positions in his community, that of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County. To many old-timers he was honored as "the father of good roads" in his district because of his valuable service as commissioner of roads at a time when such service entailed much originality and pioneering effort. Forward-looking and far-seeing, he was widely respected, admired and trusted, and his friends were many and loyal.

Mr. Finnerty was born June 21, 1862, at East Greenbush, New York, son of Michael J. and Mary (Collins) Finnerty. His father, born in Roscommon County, Ireland, and died in 1893, was for years engaged in agricultural pursuits. His mother was a native of Rensselaer County. They were the parents of five children, none of whom were ever married: 1. Anne M. Finnerty, who died two days before John H. Finnerty, passing away on Monday, July 17, 1939; she had long kept house for her two brothers and two sisters, and it was her wish, when she realized her brother was seriously ill, that she should precede him in death—which she did, though he was not told of the fact because of his own condition. 2. John H. Finnerty, of further mention. 3. David Finnerty. 4. Margaret Finnerty, now deceased. 5. Emma Finnerty. The mother of the family died in 1912.

John H. Finnerty attended East Greenbush Collegiate Institute after studying in early boyhood under the guidance of private tutors. Later he was a student at Albany Business College. He and his brother, David Finnerty, became engaged, while still very young, in operating the farm that their father had acquired near East Greenbush. Though the property consisted originally of only thirty acres, it was greatly enlarged as time went on until it included 109 additional acres. The later property that the Finnertys purchased became the center of a fashionable residential district, known simply as "Country Estates." Mr. Finnerty continued his agricultural activities, however, until 1935, when a fall from a tree caused a paralysis of his lower limbs.

Through all this period of farming activity, Mr. Finnerty interested himself increasingly in public affairs. Aligning himself with the Democratic party while still very young, he became the party leader in East Greenbush after a time, and throughout life he remained an active Democrat and was one of the few members of his party ever to gain office in his Republican town. He was induced by friends, while he was still very young, to serve as commissioner of roads, and later was made superintendent of highways. In that capacity he became responsible for the many fine highways and bridges built in Rensselaer County, and it was that work that brought him the appellation of "father of good roads." He fought uninterruptedly for improvements for East Greenbush, chiefly for the extension of hard-surfaced highways to nearby cities. Despite his great activity as a Democrat, however, Mr. Finnerty never let partisan considerations interfere with his devotion to community welfare and his earnest desire to better conditions throughout Rensselaer County.

After serving as commissioner of roads for many years, Mr. Finnerty held the office of supervisor of the town of East Greenbush for fourteen years, and in this, as in his previous work, he distinguished himself by his ability to advance community interests. From his services redounded many lasting benefits to East Greenbush and its people, and, despite his Democratic alignment in a Republican town, he was never defeated for public office. He finally retired from his post of supervisor in 1923. Entirely aside from his political activities, Mr. Finnerty was active in the life of his town. He was a director of the Rensselaer County Bank & Trust Company and the Albany Safety Building & Loan Association. He was a member and Past Master of East Greenbush Grange. During the World War he served on different boards and committees. While on the board of supervisors, Mr. Finnerty was chairman of many committees, among them the good roads, bridges and welfare committees. The Dunn Memorial Bridge, which took the place of the old Albany-Greenbush Bridge, was erected directly through his efforts. He was a school trustee, chairman of the building supply committee of Rensselaer County, and was noted as builder of the beautiful road to the new cemetery in East Greenbush. A Catholic in his religious faith, Mr. Finnerty belonged to St. John's parish, Rensselaer, and he was the founder of the Roman Catholic Church in East Greenbush, the Church of the Holy Spirit, it being mainly through his efforts that the land was acquired and the church actually built.

The death of John H. Finnerty, July 19, 1939, at his home in East Greenbush, removed from the community an individual who had served his contemporaries in an outstandingly useful way and who had unstintingly given of his time and energies to promote the general good. "Honest John" Finnerty will long be remembered with the deepest affection, and his influence upon the life of his community and district will continue to be powerfully felt. As one editorial writer commented:

> His reputation was flawless; and it reflected a character above reproach. He was the kind of man this county, and every county, needs. He was intelligent, loyal, imaginative and industrious. . . . . Men of his type are needed in every community. It was natural that his party, whenever it feared defeat for some county office, brought forward his name. . . . . He approached the end with the friendship of all his neighbors and the respect of everyone who knew him. Who could desire for the sunset years a happier lot?

SENATOR CLIFFORD C. HASTINGS—During his long association with the life of Rensselaer County, Clifford C. Hastings has risen to prominence both in business and in public life. He is known for his intimate connection with the development of the electric light and power facilities of the county, for his past service as supervisor and present influential position in the New York State Senate, of which he has been a member since 1937.

Senator Hastings was born in Rensselaer County on June 25, 1882, son of Milan S. and Edith R. (Snyder) Hastings and a descendant of a distinguished family whose name has been famous in English history for many centuries. It was early established in this country, and during the Revolution four of Senator Hastings' ancestors fought in the patriot cause. His father was gristmill owner and operator in Rensselaer County for many years.

Educated in local public schools, Clifford C. Hastings acquired a general knowledge of mechanics through his boyhood association with his father in the family gristmill. His first real job was in the power department of the Troy & New England Railroad, and when this organization was taken over by the United Traction Company in 1895, he continued the connection and subsequently became chief engineer. He resigned in 1912 to organize the hydro-electric plant and Wynantskill Hydro-Electric Company, of which he became president and general manager, guiding the development of the corporation with sure hand for fifteen years. In 1927 he negotiated the sale of its properties to the Associated Gas & Electric Company and retired from business to devote himself largely to the sphere of public service.

Already influential in the political affairs of the county, Senator Hastings has since placed to his credit many achievements of a public character. In 1927 he was elected supervisor of his town and served on the County Board of Supervisors without interruption for ten years. In 1936 he was elected to his present seat in the State Senate, where he has represented the Thirty-first Senatorial District since the session of 1937. Senator Hastings has made his influence felt in the conduct of the State's business and is celebrated for his oratory on the Senate floor. He is chairman of the Senate Committee on Relief and Welfare, the Committee on Legislation of the Association of Towns and Laws and the Committee on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and has served on many other State committees and boards.

Senator Hastings is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, in which he serves as Deputy Grand Chancellor, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and serves as a member of the church council. He has been a close student of the history of Rensselaer County and his scholarship in this field is acknowledged. Senator Hastings makes his home at West Sand Lake.

In 1903 he married Mary E. Henry, of Loudonville, daughter of Lemuel C. Henry, a fire brick manufacturer of Troy, who died in 1923, and Mary Ann (O'Brien) Henry, who died in 1887. Like her husband she is descended from a family established in America many years before the Revolution. Senator and Mrs. Hastings are the parents of two children: 1. E. Pauline, who became a graduate nurse through study and training at a Troy hospital and married E. W. Lawrence. They have two sons: i. Earl W. ii. Jackson. 2. D. Robert, who married Emma A. Hack and also has two sons: i. Clifford R. ii. David Wade.

EDWARD C. SIEK—All the comparatively short career of Edward C. Siek has been identified with Berlin, New York, where he is not only a substantial business man but one of the leaders in civic and social circles. He was born in Berlin, July 11, 1914, son of John C. and Jeannette (Spencer) Siek, both native of this place. His father has been associated for two decades with the W. J. Cowee Company here.

Edward C. Siek, after completing his education in local public schools, entered the employ of the Berlin Novelty Company where he worked in varied capacities and furthered his experience. In 1937 he joined F. S. Hull to become manager of that gentleman's stores, a post he continued to fill with marked business acumen, keen enterprise and sound judgment until the death of Mr. Hull in 1940. He then purchased the general store from the Hull estate and continues to operate it in his own name. Mr. Siek is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church and connected with numerous local activities.

WALTER ELLIOT LINK—Five generations of the Link family have lived in East Greenbush, New York, and each has been prominent in civic affairs and community life. Walter Elliot Link is a worthy representative of the family, active in public life, successful in his undertakings, a man in whom people have always shown great faith and esteem. Not the least of his accomplishments is almost a half century in business and more than forty years service as postmaster.

Mr. Link was born in East Greenbush, February 18, 1871, son of Mitchell and Josephine (Elliot) Link. His father and forefathers, for the most part, were interested in agriculture. Walter Elliot Link turned to merchandising after he had finished his elementary and high school education in the schools of his birthplace, Nassau Academy, and the Albany Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. For about two years he was employed variously, meanwhile accumulating valuable experience. In 1891 he started a general store in East Greenbush, and this establishment he has owned and managed ever since.

In 1894 Mr. Link was appointed postmaster of East Greenbush, and filled this post satisfactorily, no matter whether the Federal Administration was Republican or Democrat, until 1936. He is a director of the Rensselaer County Insurance Company; has been town clerk of East Greenbush for three terms; and was postmaster as above mentioned. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, a member and Past Master of the local lodge; member and Past High Priest of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Past Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge; Past Assistant Grand Lecturer; secretary of his lodge; and a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree, and is the present patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, having served since 1910. Mr. Link has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of East Greenbush, since the time when it was the only protection of the town and a good appearance at the Volunteer Fire Companies Field Days throughout the State was of extreme importance. Because of notable Colonial ancestry, he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was brought up in the faith of the Dutch Reformed Church. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At East Greenbush, New York, Water Elliot Link married Eda May Phillips, daughter of Clark and Mary (Phillips) Phillips.

GEORGE WALKER STEVENS—The Stevens Pharmacy, of East Greenbush, is a concrete result of the labors and talents of George Walker Stevens, who has done everything in his power to build up and modernize his store and to meet the needs and demands of the community.

Mr. Stevens was born in 1906 in Poughkeepsie, New York, son of James and Rose (McMullan) Stevens. His father early became connected with the New York Central Railroad as an engineer.

George Walker Stevens attended the Christian Brothers Academy, at Albany, and in 1927 was graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy. He acquired practical experience in his profession by associating himself with leading pharmacies throughout the Capital Region, always with a view to establishing his own place of business when the time and opportunity appeared. He realized this aim in 1931 by founding the Stevens Pharmacy, referred to above, in East Greenbush. He is today the sole owner of the store and its active manager, and has consistently improved and modernized it until it is well equipped to meet the needs of laymen and physicians in the district. At the same time Mr. Stevens has interested himself in community affairs, helping with such organizations as the Volunteer Fire Department of East Greenbush. He is a Catholic in his religious faith. One of the younger residents of East Greenbush, he is respected and admired by his business associates and fellow-townsmen, and his business and personal interests are all centered here.

In Albany, New York, in 1930, George Walker Stevens married Alma Sill, daughter of the late William Sill and of Catherine (MacNamee) Sill, both of Albany. The following are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens: 1. James Walker Stevens, born in 1931 in East Greenbush. 2. William Stevens, also born here, in 1937.

RUDOLPH GERSCH—Although he has been a resident of East Greenbush for only about thirteen years and engaged in business for himself less than a decade, Rudolph Gersch is one of the recognized commercial leaders of the town and exceptionally popular as a public-spirited citizen. He has grown to have a deep affection for this region and is keenly interested in its history.

Mr. Gersch is a native of Germany, born there November 6, 1904, son of Rudolph and Freda (Krahn) Gersch, both of whom are deceased. After completing his education in his native land, he came to the United States in 1925 and for two years was employed by his uncle, Walter Gersch, at Castleton-on-Hudson, New York, in a meat market. During this time he learned the meat business and something about American merchandising. In 1927, Rudolph Gersch came to East Greenbush to open a branch store for his uncle. In 1931 he purchased the establishment and ran it so efficiently that in 1937 he was forced to build a large grocery store and meat market. This is one of the finest commercial buildings in East Greenbush, one concerning which the residents are proud. When he bought the branch in 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Gersch were able to take care of all its trade. Today three clerks are employed. Mr. Gersch is a member of the East Greenbush Volunteer Fire Department. His religious affiliations are with the First Dutch Reformed Church.

At Cohoes, New York, March 10, 1929, Rudolph Gersch married Edna Louise Fischer, daughter of John H. and Ada (Loveday) Fischer, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gersch are the parents of a daughter, Elsie Bertha, born February 15, 1931.

CRISTOFORO FAZIOLI—One of Troy's oldest retail mercantile enterprises is owned and operated by Cristoforo Fazioli, who has maintained a fancy fruit and grocery market in this city under his own name since 1899.

He was born in Frosolone, Italy, on March 4, 1865, son of Felici M. Fazioli and Philomena (Cardenia) Fazioli. His father was a farmer. Mr. Fazioli was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, came to the United States in early life and settled at Troy, where in 1899 he established his present business, C. Fazioli, Fancy Fruits and Groceries. Quality products, fair dealing and high standards of service are the principles which made possible the development of a flourishing trade.

Mr. Fazioli continues to give his active attention to the management of the business which has been an established feature of Troy life for more than forty years. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

On June 29, 1903, at Troy, Christoforo Fazioli married (second) Catherine E. Winters, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Clancy) Winters. He is the father of one daughter by his first marriage, Philomena Fazioli, born October 24, 1891; and three children by the second marriage: Felix Cristoforo Fazioli (*q. v.*), born March 17, 1905; Margaret Mary Fazioli, born June 15, 1908, now Sister Mary Philomena of the Order of Saint Joseph's of Corondalet; and Thomas Winters Fazioli, born April 8, 1912.

FELIX CRISTOFORO FAZIOLI—The field of real estate management has occupied the efforts of Felix Cristoforo Fazioli throughout his active career. He has been a lifelong resident of Troy, where his growing interests center.

Mr. Fazioli was born in this city on March 17, 1905, son of Cristoforo Fazioli (*q. v.*) and Catherine E. (Winters) Fazioli. His father has been the owner of a fancy fruit and grocery market in Troy since 1899.

Educated in the public schools of Troy, Felix C. Fazioli entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute after his graduation from Troy High School in 1924 and completed the course at the latter institution in 1928. During the following year he studied at Manhattan College, New York City, and then returned to Troy to launch his business career. Attracted to the field of real estate management, he has made it his life work, and his successful record has made him well known in Troy real estate circles. He is today an established figure among the younger business men of the city.

Mr. Fazioli is a member of the Troy Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Troy Rotary Club. He is affiliated with the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity, both the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Manhattan College chapters, and became a member of the Cosmos Club while at Rensselaer. Mr. Fazioli is unmarried. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

JOHN SARKIS (JACK TROY)—In the Capital Region, Jack Sarkis is best known as Jack Troy, successful business man and exemplary citizen of the city whose name he has assumed in his enterprises. He is the proprietor of the Jack Troy Auto Body & Fender Works, which he established in 1923 and during the past seventeen years has built to large proportions.

John Sarkis was born in Troy, New York, October 26, 1898, son of Mark and Rose (Jaffarian) Sarkis, his parents being of Armenian origin. His father came to the United States as a boy, settling in Troy where he eventually established himself in the restaurant and grocery business with which he remained vigorously identified to the time of his death. His son, of this record, was given the advantages of a sound public school education, but was too ambitious to be earning his own living to go to any higher institution. Like many a youth and man of his generation, experience has proved the best teacher, and the contacts with life and affairs more useful than books.

His first employment of note was as a mechanic (1916 to 1918) with the Stearns-Knight automobile. Then from 1918 to 1923 he was associated with the Franklin Automobile Company in Troy and Syracuse, New York. These years brought the knowledge and experience with the automotive industry that led him to set up his own works and the basis upon which he built his fine business. As already mentioned, the concern is known as the Jack Troy Auto Body & Fender Works, a trade title that indicates what it makes and does. Aside from his industrial activities Jack Troy is interested in community life, being a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, the Troy Kiwanis Club, and the Troy Commercial Travelers Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mt. Zion Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Troy, Apollo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Grotto. He and Mrs. Sarkis are active members of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In December, 1935, at Troy, New York, John Sarkis married Claramae Mundell, daughter of John W. and Emma (Book) Mundell, of this city. Mr. Mundell was an employee of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company.

AURELIUS A. LAQUIDARA, M. D.—Although one of the younger group of physicians of Troy, New York, as to age and length of practice in this city, Dr. Laquidara has made rapid strides in his profession. His practice is in the main general, but he is also a favorably known pediatrician. His success as a specialist shows the trend of his study and interest. Dr. Laquidara brought to his work unusual breadth of education and technical training.

He is a native of New York City, born June 16, 1910, son of Thomas J. and Rose (Ricciardi) Laquidara, both of whom came originally from Italy and settled in the American metropolis in 1896. Thomas J. Laquidara, now retired, became a successful contractor. Aurelius A. Laquidara was encouraged to get the best education possible and to enter a profession if he chose. After being a student in the New York City elementary schools he attended the Stuyvesant High School, from which he was graduated in 1927. Four years later he had completed courses at Fordham University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1931. For his medical work he entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College and the Flower Hospital, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1935. He had been in these institutions from 1931 to 1935.

In Troy, Dr. Laquidara was an interne in the Leonard Hospital before he became house and staff physician. As indicated, he has engaged in a general practice, with the emphasis on pediatrics, in Troy, since 1935, serving a constantly enlarging clientele. Dr. Laquidara is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Rensselaer County Medical Society, the New York Homeopathic Medical Society, and the American Institute of Homeopathy. His religious affiliations are with St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church. Golf is a favorite recreation.

ROBERT SYLVESTER HARRIS—For many years associated with the paper industry of New York State, Robert Sylvester Harris is vice-president and secretary of the Fort Orange Paper Company, of Castleton-on-the-Hudson.

Mr. Harris was born September 16, 1889, at Brainard, Rensselaer County, New York, son of Remington T. and Cornelia (Minkler) Harris. His father, who died May 23, 1932, was a stationary engineer, long associated with the paper trade. Both parents came from East Nassau, New York. The family were among the early pioneer settlers in the Nassau district of Rensselaer County.

Public schools provided Robert Sylvester Harris' early formal education, and early in his career he became connected with the paper business. Most of his life he has been with the Fort Orange Paper Company, whose forces he joined in 1911. In 1918 he was made secretary to succeed Maurice Downey. Then, in 1925, he was made vice-president of the company. He has continued in the company's official family as both vice-president and secretary since that time, and has made a notable contribution to the life of his community.

Interested in other business enterprises aside from the Fort Orange Paper Company, Mr. Harris is a director of the National Exchange Bank and of the Building & Loan Association at Castleton-on-the-Hudson. During the World War he served on numerous boards and committees. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club and the Albany Country Club, and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a Past Noble Grand of his lodge, and the Free and

Accepted Masons, in which order he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and is an initiate in Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is president of the official board of the Methodist Church.

In 1912 Robert Sylvester Harris married Jennie M. Son, of Castleton-on-the-Hudson.

BENJAMIN VAN DYKE—During virtually his entire business career, Benjamin Van Dyke has been associated with the Fort Orange Paper Company at Castleton-on-the-Hudson. From minor positions he has risen gradually within the organization and since 1934 has served as treasurer of the company.

Mr. Van Dyke was born in Rensselaer County on March 26, 1902, son of James Henry Van Dyke, a steam engineer, who died in 1938, and Blanche (Tobias) Van Dyke, who died in 1904. He is a member of an old New York family. Educated in the public schools, he supplemented these studies by extension work continued after he began the active business of life. He began to make his own way at the age of fifteen, when he first entered the employ of the Fort Orange Paper Company as assistant fireman on one of the company's locomotives. This was in 1917. Subsequently he was advanced to higher positions, meeting growing responsibilities successfully, and in 1928 was elected assistant secretary of the company. In 1934 he assumed the office of treasurer in succession to Robert Harris and in this capacity has since remained as one of the principal executives of a company nationally known in the paper industry and trades.

During his long residence at Castleton-on-the-Hudson, Mr. Van Dyke has always been active in affairs of the town and for a period of years was a member of the local school board. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order and is a member of several local clubs. He attends the Reformed Church.

In 1931 Benjamin Van Dyke married Katherine E. Beattie, a native of London, Ontario, Canada.

WILLIAM EDWARD MENSING—As postmaster of Nassau, William Edward Mensing has performed a work of importance and value to the people of this community and of Rensselaer County.

Mr. Mensing was born September 15, 1907, in Nassau, New York, son of Edward William and Edith May (Allendorph) Mensing. His father was a manufacturer, member of an old family, resident in Rensselaer County for six generations, and always interested in civic affairs.

William Edward Mensing attended the Nassau Union School, and in 1924 was graduated from Rensselaer High School. From that year until 1936 he served as an accountant with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, in Albany. In 1936 he received his appointment as postmaster of Nassau, so continuing down to the time of writing. His appointment came to him on June twenty-fifth of that year, and since that time Mr. Mensing has done everything in his power to improve the local postal system. He is a member of the Rensselaer County Postmasters' Association, the New York State Postmasters' Association and the National Postmasters' Association. In Nassau he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Volunteer Fire Company. He is a member of the First Dutch Reformed Church.

On July 31, 1940, William Edward Mensing married Edith May Jenks, daughter of Walter R. and Julia (Quirk) Jenks.

JAMES C. WALRADT—An independent merchant at Castleton-on-the-Hudson since the early years of the century, James C. Walradt now conducts an extensive business in coal, feed, building supplies and paints under his own name. He is a member of one of the oldest families in this community.

Mr. Walradt was born at Castleton-on-the-Hudson on October 21, 1884, son of Dr. William Dunlop Walradt, a physician in general practice here from 1882 to 1906, and Joanna Sturgis (Schlemmer) Walradt. On his mother's side, he represents the fifth generation of his family in the village.

Educated in local public schools, James C. Walradt was employed from 1904 to 1908 by the Hudson River Aniline Color Works as purchasing agent and in 1908 established a coal, feed and grain business, operating it as sole owner. In 1927 he sold the grain business and replaced it with a complete line of building supplies and paints. Mr. Walradt, as a progressive merchant, has expanded and developed his business to meet the growing needs of his community and is today the proprietor of the largest business of its kind in the town. He has been in business in Castleton longer than any other resident. He has been a director since 1913 of the National Exchange Bank of Castleton-on-the-Hudson and like earlier members of his family has participated actively in civic affairs. Among the town's organizations he has been especially prominent in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he served as Master of the local Blue Lodge in 1916. He is also a member of all higher Masonic bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and is affiliated with the Shrine and the Order of the Eastern Star. In addition to these connections, Mr. Walradt is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Kiwanis Club and the Fish and Game Club. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

On February 26, 1928, at Castleton-on-the-Hudson, James C. Walradt married Emma Hannah Smith, daughter of Charles H. and Hester Jon (Callanan) Smith. Mrs. Walradt is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star and is Past Matron of her chapter.

FRANK H. TAYLOR—Figuring prominently in the financial and business life of Berlin and Rensselaer County, Frank H. Taylor is cashier of the Taconic Valley Bank, of this place.

Mr. Taylor was born January 20, 1898, in Berlin, New York, son of Tracey D. and Jennie (Halbert) Taylor. His family is one of the oldest in this region of Rensselaer County, where his father was long engaged in the lumber industry and was a director of the same bank and a leader in many enterprises until his death in 1932. The mother is a native of New York State.

Public schools of Berlin, his New York State birthplace, provided Frank H. Taylor's early formal education, and he spent one year at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York. He has given his entire business career, down to the time of writing, to his work with the Taconic Valley Bank, which he entered in young manhood and served in varying capacities. Eventually he was made assistant cashier of the bank. Then, at the retirement of Frank Wells, in 1938, Mr. Taylor was appointed cashier. He continues in this office down to the time of writing, and performs a work of great value in Berlin. The bank itself dates back to 1907, when it was founded by a group of prominent citizens. The first president was A. E. Greene; and V. M. Allen, the first cashier, became the second president. William C. Feathers, cashier under Mr. Allen's presidency, became the third president of the bank, with Frank Wells as his cashier. In 1936 A. C. Maxon was made president, so continuing down to the time of writing. Mr. Taylor is cashier; C. S. Gutermuth, vice-president; and Avery G. Hall, vice-president. The bank is capitalized at $50,000, and at the time of writing reports a surplus of $50,000 and undivided profits of $36,000. The Taconic Valley Bank claims to be the only institution of its kind ever to be founded in Berlin.

BERNARD LIVINGSTON CANADAY—A substantial and highly respected citizen of East Greenbush, Bernard Livingston Canaday has won reputation for his advocacy and support of any movement or organization undertaken for the benefit of this community. For twenty years he has been associated with a brother in a garage and automobile sales business, in which they have achieved a noteworthy success and are favorably known over a wide range of territory. It is probable, however, that they are even better known for their courage and enterprise in establishing an airport at East Greenbush, and for the exceptionally able instruction of prospective aviators.

Mr. Canaday was born at Nassau, New York, October 12, 1896, son of Lloyd and Laura (Lloyd) Canaday, his father being a horticulturalist. After completing his academic and technical education in the public schools and the four-year course provided by the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, New York, he joined the United States Navy, and was assigned to the Marine Corps Radio Service with the rank of machinist's mate. For the most part of his naval career he was stationed at the Lafayette Radio Station at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He had the honor of being awarded the Victory Button and the Victory Medal for World War service.

In 1920, Bernard Livingston Canaday joined his brother, George Walter, to organize the Canaday Brothers Garage in East Greenbush, doing a general business. Eight years later, the plant was enlarged to three times its original size, the most up-to-date equipment installed, and in 1929 they became agents for the Hudson and the Terraplane automobiles. Substantial success rewarded their endeavors, and still does. But in 1937 Canaday Brothers embarked upon a new and unusual venture—they built an airport, flying field and hangars where they now operate an aviation school that has won far more than local fame. Not only is the instruction of the best available, but the planes in which the students earn their flying hours are of the most modern.

Bernard L. Canaday is rather too busy to engage in many of the social and civic activities which he would enjoy. He is a member of the local Volunteer Fire Department, and of the American Legion. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. Very keen about hunting and fishing, he is a member of the Watervliet Fish and Game Club. He worships in the faith of the First Reformed Church, of East Greenbush.

At East Greenbush, New York, October 9, 1926, Bernard Livingston Canaday married Eleanor Gordinier, daughter of Barent Mull and Mary E. (Wilson) Gordinier. Mrs. Canaday, a native of East Greenbush, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a Past First Point of Ada, and a member of the Carol Club. Mr. and Mrs. Canaday are the parents of a son, Douglas Bernard, born August 11, 1927, at present attending Albany Boys Academy, at Albany.

JOHN S. FINCH—As the history of the United States has been in the making it has become the custom of annalists to go back to the Hudson River Valley section and parts of New England, in the search for what is called the "typical American." John S. Finch of Schodack, New York, might well be nominated for such a category. His maternal great-great-grandfather was a landowner in Rensselaer County; his grandfather accumulated a farm of 110 acres; John S. Finch, of this record, cultivates that same acreage with lines unchanged, but operated along modern ideas and up-to-date methods. Lovers of the soil, generation after generation, substantial citizens of their time and place, such is the story of John S. Finch and his forefathers.

Mr. Finch was born in Rensselaer County, November 9, 1889, son of William and Mary E. (Moore) Finch, both natives of this section of New York. His mother lived to 1938; his father, a farmer, died November 11, 1918. The son was given a sound education in local schools and later attended Cornell University, where he pursued special courses in agriculture. John S. Finch did not find it necessary to leave this part of the world to find opportunity; he found it on the farm that Grandfather Moore had purchased many years before. Times had changed, however, and it was his responsibility to keep pace with them. From the old general crop system, dairying has proven the more profitable. Milk, in industrial terms, is a "finished product," the condensed equivalent of grass and grains and concentrated feeds. Mr. Finch is a specialist in dairying. He also is a horticulturalist, going in for pome and other fruits, and good sized plantings of grapes.

John S. Finch keeps in touch with modern developments in his vocation. He is a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandy, and other agricultural and horticultural organizations. His good citizenship is exemplary, and he has been called upon to serve in public capacities. He is supervisor of the town of Schodack, chairman of the Rensselaer County Public Health Committee, member of the Rensselaer County Highway Committee, chairman of the county committee on officers and compensation, majority leader of the board of supervisors, and prominent in other town and county affairs. He was formerly a justice of the peace. He is a member of the County Pawling Sanitarium Committee and a member of the Reformed Church. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; four other members of his family have also been Masters of his lodge.

In 1924 John S. Finch married Mary K. Cross, daughter of George E. and Mary F. (Williams) Cross, of Schodack Landing. Mr. and Mrs. Finch are the parents of a son, William E. Finch, born September 18, 1929.

GEORGE WALTER CANADAY—Of few men of the modern generation can it be written, as of George Walter Canaday, of East Greenbush, New York, that they were too young to know anything about the first flight of the airplane, but have lived to fly planes and to have developed, personally, an airport. Mr. Canaday was born October 23, 1903, at Nassau, New York, son of Lloyd and Catherine (Lord) Canaday. His father, a mail carrier, lived to see his son carry the first air mail out of East Greenbush.

George Walter Canaday, gifted with mechanical tastes and inventive genius, supplemented his academic schooling with courses in electrical engineering at New York City, in 1917. Whether he was interested in anything more than the automotive industry that was coming to the fore, is not known. His first position of importance was with the New York State Highway Department, and later he worked for several concerns in Albany. In 1920 he established a general garage in East Greenbush, New York, and within a few months formed a partnership with his brother, Bernard L. Canaday. The business thrived and the reputation of the brothers for skilled work on motor cars and trucks became widespread. George Walter Canaday visioned a vast future for the airplane. Possibly this outlook was somewhat biased by a love of speed. At any rate he began relatively early the study of aeronautics, one result of which is that he is an exceptionally able pilot. As mentioned, he flew the first air mail from East Greenbush on May 19, 1938. That was a high spot in his career rather than a climax, for he already was far on his way in airplane science and practices. In 1937 he and his brother built the East Greenbush Airport, which they continue to own and operate. It already has won a fine reputation for efficient instruction in flying.

It is noteworthy that many a skilled aviator graduated from the motorcycle. Mr. Canaday long ago set records on this machine, at least one which has not yet been beaten, that of ten seconds flat in the hill-climbing event held at Valatie, New York, upon the occasion of a firemen's field day. He is, of course, a fireman, connected with the East Greenbush Fire Department. He belongs to the National Air Pilots Association, the Fellowcraft Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the First Dutch Reformed Church, of this place.

On October 15, 1919, George Walter Canaday married Margaret Stickles, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Needham) Stickles, and they are the parents of a daughter, Katherine C., born in 1921. Both Mrs. Canaday and her daughter are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

WALLACE H. SIDNEY—For many years, Wallace H. Sidney has carried on a large Supreme Court and Surrogate's Court practice in Schoharie and surrounding counties, where his standing at the bar reflects his professional attainments and his influence as a citizen evidences the public respect he has won in his career. Mr. Sidney has been a lifelong resident of Central Bridge.

He was born in this community toward the close of the last century, a son of William Sidney and Jane (Weaver) Sidney. The family was poor, the father working as a farm hand, and as a boy Wallace H. Sidney early began to make his own way in the world. He was educated in local schools and after his graduation from Schoharie Academy, taught school for about two years in order to obtain money to continue his studies. Subsequently he took a postgraduate course at Cobleskill High School, from which he was also graduated, and then began the study of law with the late George M. Palmer, probably Schoharie County's most successful lawyer and for many years an upstate Democratic leader. During the four years in which he remained in Mr. Palmer's office, Mr. Sidney served a thorough apprenticeship in his chosen profession. He has been admitted to practice in all courts of New York State and in certain Federal courts and for more than twenty-five years has been retained on one side or the other as attorney of record or as trial counsel to other attorneys in important cases tried and argued in Supreme Court and Surrogate's Court and in the various Appellate courts. On several occasions he has been sent to different parts of the United States on important legal matters. Mr. Sidney has successfully met the many professional responsibilities devolving upon him and although a resident of one of Schoharie County's smaller towns he has one of the county's largest law practices. Absorbed in his legal work, he prefers to be called counselor, although his venture into politics entitles him to a more elaborate form of address. This venture was not of his own choosing.

In 1921, without his knowledge, Mr. Sidney was nominated on the Democratic ticket for Assemblyman from Schoharie County and was elected at the polls, carrying a county which had a substantial Republican majority against a popular Republican candidate. Mr. Sidney has never followed up his initial political success, retiring from the Legislature after a single term. He takes an active interest in civic affairs, however, and in an unpretentious way makes his influence effective in behalf of the public enterprises and institutions of his community and county. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Schoharie and is a member of the Men's Club of the Methodist Church at Central Bridge, where he and his family worship.

On June 17, 1903, Mr. Sidney married Sophina Rose, only child of Eli and Mary C. Rose. Her father was for many years a very prominent and successful business man of Schoharie County. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney are the parents of three children: 1. Mary R., a graduate of Elmira College, now a high school teacher. 2. Eli R., engaged in the lumber business. 3. John W., who is managing his father's farms, comprising over five hundred acres, of which more than one hundred acres are the immensely productive Schoharie flat lands. All farms are equipped with modern farm buildings.

SUMNER RULON-MILLER, Jr.—Since 1936 Sumner Rulon-Miller, Jr., has served as manager of the White Sulphur Company at Sharon Springs, important spa in Schoharie County. Coming to this post after prior experience in the insurance business, he has established his position in the county's life and is today well known in this area.

Mr. Rulon-Miller was born at Ardmore, Pennsylvania, in 1913, son of Sumner Rulon-Miller, Sr., and Eleanor (Felton) Rulon-Miller. His father, who is engaged in the insurance business in Philadelphia, served as major of Field Artillery in the United States Army during the World War period in 1918.

Sumner Rulon-Miller, Jr., was educated at Haverford School, Haverford, Pennsylvania, which he attended from 1919 to 1928 and again from 1930 to 1932, and at Saint Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, where he was a student from 1928 to 1930. In 1932 he entered Princeton University and finished his course there in the class of 1936. Meanwhile, in 1935 and 1936, he was engaged in the insurance business at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Following his return to the East, he came to Sharon Springs as manager of the White Sulphur Company and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of this office.

Mr. Rulon-Miller became a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Princeton University. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order and is a member of the Princeton Club of New York City and the Men's Club of Sharon Springs. As a resident of this community he has been active in its general life and has done his share to support its civic enterprises. An Episcopalian in religious faith, Mr. Rulon-Miller is a member of Trinity Church at Sharon Springs.

He married, in 1935, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, Sarah Morgan Gardner, daughter of Henry Birchell and Sarah (Morgan) Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Rulon-Miller are the parents of three sons: Henry Gardner, born in 1936; Sumner, III, born in 1938; and Patrick, born 1940.

JACKSON TOWNSEND—The Wood-Flong Corporation, manufacturers of stereotype mats, now located at Hoosick Falls, was organized in 1915 and has undergone a rapid development, bringing it a dominant position in its field. Jackson Townsend, president of the company, has been associated with the organization throughout its history and has served as its executive head since 1925.

Born in Robinson County, North Carolina, on January 26, 1890, Mr. Townsend is a son of Jackson and Sara M.

(Oliver) Townsend, both members of North Carolina families. His father, who died in 1892, was a veteran of the Confederate States Army and was wounded in action against the Union forces at Chancellorsville. The mother, Sara M. (Oliver) Townsend died in 1938.

Jackson Townsend was educated in North Carolina schools, completing his training at the University of North Carolina, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. Special courses in chemistry have aided him in his career. In 1915 he became associated with the Wood-Flong Corporation, which had just been organized at South Boston, Massachusetts, by Benjamin Wood as a result of his experiments with the manufacture of dry mats used in printing newspapers. Formerly these mats were imported from Germany, but the World War made it difficult to secure them, and Mr. Wood, recognizing the opportunity to develop the industry in this country, began their manufacture on a small scale. By 1918 the business had increased to such an extent that larger quarters were necessary and a plant at Stillwater, New York, was occupied. Here the company remained until 1929, when it moved to its present location in Hoosick Falls, where fifteen acres of land are occupied. The plant, comprising about two hundred thousand square feet of floor space, employs 125 people. Mr. Townsend, active in the development and management of the company from the beginning, became its president in 1925 and has since directed its operations. Associated with him in the executive personnel of the company are Nelson Maynard, vice-president; and Oliver N. Rathbun, treasurer. The Wood-Flong Corporation, which manufactures thirty-five per cent. of all the dry mats made in the United States and ships its products to all parts of the world, is one of Hoosick Falls' leading industries. By virtue of his position as president and the active interest which he has manifested in civic affairs, Mr. Townsend is a leading figure in the life of the community. He is a director of the Peoples National Bank of Hoosick Falls and several other companies and has exerted his influence in many ways to promote the best interests and civic progress of the town. Mr. Townsend has been a member of the local selective service board since its organization, and has been chairman of the board of trustees of Green Mountain Junior College for the past six years.

Mr. Townsend is a member of many clubs both in Rensselaer County and New York City and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. He has been a contributor to technical and trade journals, writing articles on industrial and engineering chemistry. A Methodist in religious faith, he serves as a member of the official board of the Hoosick Falls Methodist Church and on various committees of the General Conference.

Mr. Townsend married Lulu May Townsend, who died in 1920. He has three children: Jackson, Jr., a graduate of New York State School of Agriculture in Cobleskill, New York; James Benjamin, a graduate of Princeton University, now attending Harvard University Graduate School; Frances Marie, an adopted child, now a student at Emma Willard School for Girls in Troy, New York.

OLIVER N. RATHBUN—During the past thirteen years, Oliver N. Rathbun has played an active part in the development of the Wood-Flong Corporation, manufacturers of stereotype mats at Hoosick Falls and one of the leading companies of its kind in the world. He is now treasurer of the corporation.

Mr. Rathbun was born near Cooperstown in Otsego County on December 29, 1895, son of George B. and Fannie E. (Wikoff) Rathbun. His father, who was born in Springfield, New York, and died in 1932, was a farmer in Otsego County and the operator of a gristmill, sawmill and cider mill. He also established a chain of camp houses on Otsego Lake.

Oliver N. Rathbun received a public school education and afterward attended George Washington University at Washington, District of Columbia. Adopting the profession of accountancy, he became a certified public accountant and was associated with Price-Waterhouse & Company until 1927, when he joined the Wood-Flong Corporation, then located at Stillwater. This enterprise originated at South Boston, Massachusetts, in 1915, when Benjamin Wood began the manufacture of dry mats, used in printing newspapers, which had previously been imported from Germany, a source of supply seriously curtailed because of the war. The business developed rapidly and in 1918 was moved to Stillwater, location of the company until 1929, when the present plant in Hoosick Falls was occupied. Mr. Rathbun continued with the company here, having been elected vice-president in 1928. In 1934 he assumed the office of treasurer, succeeding Benjamin Wood. In addition to serving as chief financial officer of the company, he is active in its general councils of management. The Wood-Flong Corporation now manufactures thirty-five per cent. of all the dry mats made in the United States and distributes its product throughout the civilized world. The Hoosick Falls plant occupies fifteen acres of land and comprises approximately two hundred thousand square feet of floor space. More than 125 persons are employed.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Rathbun has been active in the general life of Hoosick Falls and is past president of the Kiwanis Club here. He is also a member of several other small local clubs. During the World War he enlisted in the United States Army Aviation Corps and spent one year overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, serving with the 838th and 806th Aero Squadrons. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

In 1921, Mr. Rathbun married Daisy E. Wikoff, of Cooperstown. They have one daughter, Mary Ellen, born March 4, 1923.

CHARLES R. SMITH—Following a varied and active career, embracing experience both in business and in public life, Charles R. Smith was elected supervisor of the town of North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, and has since served in this important county post.

Mr. Smith was born in Troy on August 31, 1896, son of Charles R. and Josephine L. (Doring) Smith and a grandson of Charles R. Smith, who served as second lieutenant in Anderson's Zouaves during the Civil War. His father, who died in 1898, was a bookkeeper. His mother, born in Germany, died in 1936.

Charles R. Smith, of this record, was educated in the public schools of Rensselaer County and also spent one year as a student at Union College, Schenectady. He began his career as a bookkeeper with Cluett, Peabody & Company in Troy, and remained in that connection until 1917, when he entered the employ of the United States Threshing Company. In 1920 he resigned his position and during the following sixteen years operated the Quentin Service Station in Wynantskill. Meanwhile, Mr. Smith was elected and served for fourteen years as town clerk of North Greenbush. His record as an able and efficient public servant won him advancement in public life and in 1937 he was nominated and elected supervisor of the town of North Greenbush and member of the County Board of Supervisors. Since his election he has relinquished his business connections to devote all his time to his public duties. As supervisor, his sound judgment and progressive outlook have won respect throughout the county, and the quality of his service has enhanced his position in the public esteem.

Mr. Smith has long been influential in party politics as well as public life and has exercised an important influence as a civic leader in his community. He holds a commission as second lieutenant in the New York National Guard and is a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church at Wynantskill.

Mr. Smith married (first) Marion F. Elmore, now deceased. His present wife is Isabelle D. (MacWilliams) Smith, who has one son by a former marriage, to William J. MacWilliams, William J., Jr.

KENNETH HICKS BAME—Turning to real estate and insurance after extended experience in other fields, Kenneth Hicks Bame has built up since 1930 a large business centering at East Greenbush and covering Southwest Rensselaer County.

Mr. Bame was born at Schodack on February 21, 1899, son of William E. and Charlotte (Kimmey) Bame. His father, who is now retired, was assessor of the town of Schodack for twenty years.

Educated in the Schodack Center public schools, Kenneth Hicks Bame began his career in 1918 with the National Cash Register Company, by which he was employed until 1924. During the following six years he was engaged in the grocery business, but in 1930 he established his present real estate and insurance office at East Greenbush and has built up a large business in ten years' time. Mr. Bame handles properties of all kinds and all lines of insurance, including life insurance, indemnity bonds, fire and personal insurance. The scope of his operations extends north and west up to and including Albany.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Bame serves as tax collector of the town of East Greenbush and has taken an active part in civic affairs of the town. He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, the Parent-Teachers Association and is affiliated fraternally with the Schodack Union Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Delmar Choral Club. Mr. Bame is an elder of the First Dutch Reformed Church of East Greenbush and serves as financial secretary of the church.

He married, on August 20, 1921, at East Greenbush, Blanche Roads. Mr. and Mrs. Bame have one daughter, Beverly Ann, born March 17, 1929.

SHERMAN SIMEON BARNHART—Engaged in several different types of business activity in Grafton, Sherman Simeon Barnhart conducts a general store and feed and cement business, and is at the same time engaged in insurance work.

Mr. Barnhart was born October 15, 1887, in New York City, son of Henry M. Barnhart, who was a farmer and was long engaged in the ice business in New York City, so continuing for twenty-seven years before settling on his farm in Grafton. The mother was Fannie J. (Hayner) Barnhart, also of Grafton.

Sherman Simeon Barnhart attended New York City schools, and from 1905 to 1912 was associated with Cluett & Peabody, of Troy. He then was active in agricultural pursuits until 1925, when he established a feed business in Grafton and became its sole owner and manager. In 1927 Mr. Barnhart built a general store and proceeded to operate it in conjunction with his feed and cement business. His store is completely up-to-date in every particular, and Mr. Barnhart carries a complete line of supplies to serve his community. In 1920 he established his insurance business, handling only casualty insurance and conducting this branch of his activities along with his other work.

A Republican in his political views, Mr. Barnhart is a committeeman of his party and an active leader in civic affairs. He serves as constable of Grafton, where he was town clerk from 1918 to 1926 and supervisor from 1926 to 1929. He is a member of the Republican Club here, president of the Grafton Center Cemetery Association and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is justly proud of the business that he has developed, which is the only one of its kind in Grafton, and to it he has devoted most of his time and attention throughout his career.

On April 4, 1915, in Troy, New York, Sherman Simeon Barnhart married Lena Catherina Weber, daughter of Philip P. and Catherine (Corbin) Weber. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Evelyn Lillian Barnhart, born March 16, 1916, and passed away December 12, 1918. 2. Sherman Simeon Barnhart, Jr., born on December 12, 1921, now a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy.

THE TANNERS NATIONAL BANK OF CATSKILL—The Tanners National Bank of Catskill, now in its one hundred and tenth year, was organized at Catskill on May 24, 1831, under the name of the Tanners Bank. Its founder was Orrin Day, a private banker in the village, who was joined by several associates in bringing the new institution into existence. He became its first president and was followed in that office by his son and grandson, successively, a banking dynasty which spanned a hundred years in the history of the institution and did much to lend it the substantial character it has always enjoyed. Many able men, however, sharing the integrity and devotion of these, have helped to make the Tanners National Bank what it is and to write its long record of unique service to Catskill and Greene County.

Shortly after the organization of the bank, its officials purchased the building then occupying the present site of the Tanners National Bank. This solid structure of brick and stone was formerly the home of the Greene County Bank, which had failed in 1826. It was occupied by the Tanners National Bank until 1910, when it was torn down to make way for the present modern bank building, and during that period became a landmark of the community.

The name of the Tanners Bank was selected by its incorporators because of the tanning industry which flourished in Greene County in those days. A bull's head was selected as the emblem of the bank and is still to be seen above the doorway of the present banking structure and on one of the ornamental seals flanking the entrance. It recalls an interesting period in the history of the county and serves as a reminder of how past and present are linked by the development of one institution.

Immediately after the old building of the Greene County Bank was fitted for occupancy, the Tanners Bank began business under the presidency of Orrin Day. Frederick Hill was the first cashier of the new bank, an office which he held without interruption until 1894, and the original board of directors included the following names: Orrin Day, James Powers, Edgar B. Day, S. Sherwood Day, Francis Sayre, Charles L. Beach, George H. Penfield, Rufus H. King, Joshua Fiero, Jr., John T. Mann, Joshua Atwater, Jr., Francis N. Wilson, Isaae Rouse and John Breasted. At the time of its incorporation in 1831, the Tanners Bank had a capital stock of $100,000. An authorization to increase this figure to $250,000 was provided at the reorganization of the institution in 1838 and an increase of $50,000 in the capital stock was, in fact, voted in 1860. On May 12, 1865, the bank was reincorporated with a capital stock of $150,000 as the Tanners National Bank of Catskill as provided under the National Banking Act. At the time of the reorganization in 1865, the officers of the bank were S. Sherwood Day, president, and Frederick Hill, cashier.

S. Sherwood Day was appointed vice-president of the Tanners Bank on June 9, 1846, and after his father's death became president on January 5, 1847. On December 29, 1883, Orrin Day, son of S. Sherwood Day, was made vice-president, and in 1885, after the death of his father, was elected to the presidency. This office he held until his death on April 11, 1930, a period of forty-five years. On August 6, 1894, Frederick Hill resigned as cashier and was elected vice-president. On the same day, William Palmatier, who entered the institution in 1883, was appointed cashier, a position he held until May 6, 1930, when he was elected president following the death of Orrin Day. Wendell S. Sherman, now president of the Tanners National Bank, entered the institution in 1900, was made assistant cashier on January 12, 1909, became vice-president on December 1, 1925, and at the death of William Palmatier in 1937, succeeded to the presideney. He has as his associates in the executive personnel of the bank, Howard E. Muller, who entered the bank in 1910 and has been cashier since 1930; and Henry R. Peloke, appointed assistant cashier in 1930 after fourteen years of service as bookkeeper and teller. The present board of directors is composed of Albert C. Bloodgood, George L. Branch, Sherwood S. Day, Wilton O. Edwards, John L. Fray, Addison P. Jones, Howard E. Muller, William A. C. Palmatier, Henry Post, Wendell S. Sherman, M. Edward Silberstein, Howard C. Smith and Howard C. Wilbur.

When the Tanners National Bank celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in 1931, the "'Catskill Daily Mail" epitomized its development during the course of a full century in the following terms:

> From 1831, when the Tanners Bank was organized, to 1931 (a span of one hundred years) is a long stretch even in history, and many events of vast importance, not only to the institution, but to the country, have transpired, but through them all, good times, hard times, periods of financial depression, wars and disasters of every description. the name of the Tanners National Bank has been indicative of financial strength and fidelity to business purpose throughout the whole community. It is not likely that Orrin Day, when he and his little band of associates bound themselves together in the early '30s, dreamed that the child of their energy and business acumen would ever rise to the position of importance that the Tanners National Bank enjoys at the present time. From the beginning the little bank was prosperous and ambitious to forge ahead; but money in those days was not counted by millions in as matter of fact a manner as today and the latest report of the condition of the institution would no doubt cause the Fathers to gaze with surprise at the figures contained therein . . . .

The current statement of the Tanners National Bank lists total assets in excess of $2,000,000; demand deposits of approximately $1,600,000; capital of $150,000; and surplus and undivided profits of $303,273.22. The relation of surplus and undivided profits entitles the bank to a position on the "Roll of Honor of American Banks," a distinctive title "signifying strength, security, efficient management," accorded only those institutions whose surplus and profits equal or exceed their capital.

The Tanners National Bank of Catskill has always been a purely commercial bank, believing that thereby, in the words of its directors, "they could best serve and render that banking service for the purpose of which they were originally chartered." The bank has never interpreted its function narrowly, however. "It has been a counselor and financial adviser to thousands of citizens of the community for a century long." It has kept abreast of the times, constantly expanding its facilities and progressively adding improvements. Notable among these is the new bank building itself, a handsome marble structure erected in 1910, with floors of marble blocks and interior woodwork of mahogany. The working space is equipped with every modern banking facility and the steel and concrete vault is of the latest design. Over the entrance to the vault, which contains about six hundred safe deposit boxes, hangs an old clock, which formerly graced the old Senate Chamber at Albany. There is also a modern vault beneath the main floor for the safekeeping of valuables. In other details, the bank's equipment and organization is of the most modern type. In 1917 the Burroughs Bookkeeping Machine loose leaf system of bookkeeping was installed and in 1930 a modern, fireproof bookkeeping room was completed. In 1921 the Library Art Bureau installed a complete modern and up-to-date filing system and the loose leaf system of handling discounted notes was adopted. In 1930 a modern block system was installed in the teller's cage to expedite further the detail work of the bank. The Telautograph, which electrically transmits messages in handwriting from the bookkeeping room to the teller's cage, provides a modern system of communication.

The excellent financial standing and prosperity of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill is founded upon substantial and ever increasing business, which in turn is based on efficient service and public confidence. As the "Catskill Daily Mail" wrote:

> From its inception the Tanners Bank has been the expression of strength, acumen and integrity . . . . And so a century of financial service has been rounded out by this institution, an achievement which few business houses in this community have attained. Those having attained the same have done so by rendering a service and building up confidence which have become an enduring part of the community itself.
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> Such is the hundred year history of the Tanners National Bank. It has prospered and grown from a small institution by rendering an unexcelled service to its patrons and the completion of its one hundred years finds it still of strength and equal ability to serve. With such historical background, with such a record of services rendered, always maintaining high traditions and continually gathering public confidence, "The Old Tanners" looks forward with confidence and faith in its ability to serve the coming generations as it has in the past . . . .

ORRIN DAY—The development of the banking facilities of Catskill and Greene County owes much to the efforts of Orrin Day, who represented the third generation of a family which controlled for a full century the operations of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill. His own banking career covered sixty-one years, during which he served for four and a half decades as president of the Tanners National Bank, founded by his grandfather, and as treasurer of the Catskill Savings Bank. The strength of his leadership, the wisdom and maturity of his judgment were invaluable not only to the institutions with which he was so long associated but to the community in which he spent his life.

Mr. Day was born in Catskill on September 24, 1845, son of Samuel Sherwood and Cornelia (Spencer) Day and a great-grandson of Stephen Day, who came to Greene County from Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1791, and entered the milling business at Leeds. The grandfather, Orrin Day, was engaged in the mercantile and freighting business in earlier years and afterward became a private banker. He was the organizer and first president of the Tanners Bank of Catskill and after his death was succeeded as president by his son, Samuel Sherwood Day, who headed the institution from 1847 until his own death in 1885. During his administration the bank was reincorporated in 1865 as the Tanners National Bank, under which name it continued its steady expansion and growth. In 1860, the capital stock of the bank, initially $100,000, was increased to $150,000, where it has remained down to the present day.

Orrin Day, son of Samuel Sherwood Day, was educated at Williams College, from which he was graduated in 1866, and afterward studied law. Although he was duly admitted to the New York bar, he did not embark upon a career in the law but instead entered the Tanners Bank as bookkeeper in 1869. In the institution founded by his grandfather and headed by his father, he assumed increasing responsibilities and in 1883 became vice-president. Meanwhile, in 1878, he was elected a trustee of the Catskill Savings Bank, organized ten years earlier under the presidency of John Breasted, who was succeeded as president by S. Sherwood Day.

In 1885, after the death of his father, Orrin Day was elected president of the Tanners National Bank and in the same year became treasurer of the Catskill Savings Bank, succeeding Rufus H. King.

> To relate the business experience of Orrin Day, [it was written of him,] is to tell of the steady progress of two of Catskill's financial institutions, one the Tanners National Bank, the other the Catskill Savings Bank. His entire business interests were devoted to these two banks. He was not associated with outside companies. With the former he was associated for sixty-one years, during forty-five years of which time he was president of the institution. He was treasurer of the Catskill Savings Bank from 1885 until the time of his death. In the Tanners National Bank, Mr. Day carried to increasing success and prestige the institution whose earlier progress reflected the business sagacity of his father and grandfather. Again in the Catskill Savings Bank, his activities served the further growth of an institution in whose origin and early years his father had been greatly interested. From the time that he became treasurer of this bank, he was a very important member of the finance committee and passed judgment on every investment of the bank's funds.
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> During his fifty and more years of service with these two banks, Orrin Day had seen constant and healthy growth of both institutions. In 1885, the resources of the Catskill Savings Bank were $613,425.34. At the end of 1929 they were more than $7,300,000. The Tanners National Bank in December, 1929, showed a surplus and undivided profits of $282,609.83 and its deposits were $1,113,980.94.

Mr. Day possessed every necessary quality of the successful banker, and in his long career he became well known in banking circles. In commenting on his career at its close, the "Financial Age," in its issue of April 26, 1930, wrote of his death as "a severe loss not only to the banks which he served . . . ., but to the entire community of which he was one of the most prominent citizens. . . ."

No aspect of his career meant more to Mr. Day than the opportunity for community service which it offered him.

"The nature of his profession placed him and kept him in contact with the business growth of this section and with all matters making for the improvement of this locality. His advice and counsel were widely sought and invariably found sound. In all relationships of life, he was conscientious, serving both the institutions which he represented and the community at large with the highest integrity and honor."

The influence which came to him in abundant measure because of his position and attainments, Mr. Day always used wisely to promote the common good, without thought of self-aggrandizement. Although he was profoundly interested in public affairs, he never entered politics, and his only public office involved his service as treasurer of the village of Catskill in 1875 and again in 1882 and 1883.

Mr. Day divided his attention with his church, business, his home and his various community interests. A devout Christian, he was a member of Christ's Presbyterian Church at Catskill for sixty years and one of its most generous supporters. Despite his busy life, he found time to serve the church in many capacities, as deacon, elder and trustee, as superintendent of the Sunday school and member of many committees. His numerous benevolences revealed his capacity for wise philanthropy, and the wide range of his sympathies marked his true Christian charity. In personal contacts he was uniformly courteous and kind, and in his personal tastes, which included a genuine love of literature and the arts, he showed both his cultivation of mind and his essential simplicity.

In 1878, Orrin Day married Rosalie Sunderland, of Washington, District of Columbia, who survived him. He was also survived by his son, the Rev. Sherwood S. Day, of Catskill, and by two daughters: Mrs. Asa Dupuy Watkins, of Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, and Rosalie Day, of Catskill.

Mr. Day died on April 11, 1930, at Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, where he had gone to spend the winter. Despite advancing years, which carried him beyond his eighty-fourth birthday, he remained active in the varied duties of his life. With his death, Catskill lost one of its most honored and most useful citizens, and the affairs and business of the village paused while its people paid tribute to his memory. From among the many appreciations of his career and example, the following lines are quoted in bringing this record to a close:

> It is character, not environment, which makes the breadth of influence, and in this quiet village, Orrin Day reached out to touch and influence many of his fellowmen. His bounty was generous, unostentatious and judiciously bestowed; he was counselor to a host of suppliants for his advice; the affairs of others, placed in his over-full hands, were managed with painstaking care; his interests were diversified, and his gifts of mind and spirit adorned a personality that was marked, moreover, by geniality, a rare courtliness and amiable temper, all other characteristics crowned by an example, modestly maintained, of the beauty of holiness. He followed Christ's leading in this world, and as one who watched by the bedside said, "His death was glorious."
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> "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."

WENDELL S. SHERMAN—After rounding out forty years connection with Tanners National Bank of Catskill, Wendell S. Sherman is now well into the fourth decade of this association, and has been president since 1937, of this well-known institution. During his rise to his present office he filled almost every other position, became an authority on finance, and has served two generations of citizens of the town. He has, as well, given the benefit of his knowledge, experience, and good citizenship to Catskill in a number of public capacities, and always has been to the fore in the promotion of the best interests of the municipality.

Mr. Sherman was born at Hudson, New York, September 19, 1868, son of Joseph and Jennie G. (Fray) Sherman, who were the parents of five children: Wendell S.; Charles A.; Jennie G., who married Sidney B. Whelden; Emma, deceased, who was married to Julius Kircher; and Joseph, Jr. Joseph Sherman, Sr., was a veteran of the War Between the States, wounded in battle while a soldier in the Union forces. He was superintendent of all the icehouses of the big Knickerbocker Ice Company, until his death by accident in 1879.

The Sherman family moved to Catskill when their son Wendell was a child, and he was only eleven years of age when his father died. He attended the grammar schools at Catskill and the Catskill High School. His first employment of note was with the Catskill & New York Steamboat Company. Although he was in the offices of the concern for thirteen years, this did not prevent him from knowing the Hudson River and its shipping as few men did. When he chooses, he relates many stories of the days when there were hundreds of giant icehouses along the river, and barges carrying ice to New York City were a large part of the long tows that were a feature of river traffic. Then there were the numerous steamboats and lines that night and day picked up passengers and freight, and were so interesting a part of Hudson River life.

On April 1, 1900, Mr. Sherman entered the Tanners National Bank, of Catskill, as a bookkeeper. As indicated he filled most of the positions in the institution, teller, assistant cashier, vice-president and on March 17, 1937, was elected president. In 1923 he was elected a trustee of Catskill Savings Bank, a position which he still holds. In 1930 he became treasurer, succeeding Orrin Day, and in 1937 became secretary, at present holding the combined offices of secretary-treasurer. Not all of his activities have been banking, for he has accepted posts of public service from time to time. He was county treasurer of Greene County for fifteen years, and over a period of more than a quarter of a century was either a clerk or a trustee of the school board. He is chairman of the Greene County Committee for the Blind, and county seal chairman of the Greene County Tuberculosis and public Health Association. Mr. Sherman is president of the Memorial Hospital of Greene County, is now and for many years has been treasurer of the Jefferson Rural Cemetery Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Independent Order of Red Men; and the Royal Arcanum. In 1888, as a youth of twenty he joined the Rip Van Winkle Club, of which he is now the oldest member, and is an honorary life member. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On May 12, 1904, at Catskill, New York, Wendell S. Sherman married Nellie G. Woodruff, daughter of the Rev. William L. Woodruff, an Episcopal minister, and Julia (Bushnell) Woodruff.

COLONEL ROBERT FURMAN—In the annals of Schenectady of the period between 1850 and 1890, Colonel Robert Furman played many major rôles. He was a merchant and lawyer, legislator and promoter of large enterprises, military officer and humanitarian—a citizen whose faith in the future of his city was matched by his devotion to its best interests.

Colonel Furman was born in Franklin, town of Kirkland, Oneida County, New York, November 12, 1819, son of James Furman, who was born at Schuyler Lake, New York, January 13, 1794, and died at Ilion, New York, January 29, 1874. James Furman was a veteran officer of the War of 1812, who served valiantly at Sackett's Harbor and along the northern border during that conflict. He married, January 25, 1815, Olive Earl, born December 22, 1795, died December 28, 1886, and they had

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the following children: 1. Maria. 2. Henry, who married Catherine Myers. 3. Harvey. 4. Elizabeth. 5. Louisa, married John Devendorf. 6. Robert, of whom further. 7. Rensselaer. 8. Matthew McKee, married Eunice Earl. 9. Adeline. 10. Emily, married Henry Earl. The son, Robert, was given a sound education, completed for the time being in a classical academy at Mohawk, Herkimer County, New York. At the age of seventeen he set out to make his own way in the world. His course led him to Schenectady, and it was with this city that his noteworthy career was identified.

The first employment of Robert Furman in Schenectady was with an elder brother who conducted a store. He proved so capable a clerk that he won the attention of Myndert Van Guysling, a prominent merchant, who persuaded the young man to enter his establishment. In so simple a way was a business career started, for whatever else Colonel Furman became, he remained a merchant. Later he read law, was admitted to practice in New York State and United States courts, and used his knowledge of the law to great advantage in his activities. In the full tide of his personal progress came the Civil War, and like many of his generation, he entered the military service of the Union. The situation was not as simple as the above sentence makes it appear. Robert Furman was married and a father; he was a staunch Democrat, elements of which party in New York opposed the war with the South, and the drafting of men for the armed forces. He did not give allegiance to this group, however, and while in New York City, during the draft riots of 1863, was asked by Governor Horatio Seymour, a close personal friend, to go back to Schenectady and raise a regiment. Despite the unpopularity of the cause, despite the fact that the conflict had been brought to the Northern States and was expected to reach into New York either from the South or from Canada, and that even the patriotic felt their first duties were at home, Robert Furman went about his task, and none of his achievements can be rated more highly than the recruiting and organizing of the 83d Regiment, New York Volunteers, of which he was commissioned a colonel. It matters little that the regiment did not go to the front. General Lee was defeated at Gettysburg and the line of battles thereafter kept retreating to the South. He was ready for any duty and felt it was his misfortune that he was not called upon to lead his regiment on the bloody fields of the internecine conflict.

Another important service rendered by Colonel Furman was as a member of the New York State Legislature, where he did much excellent work as the sponsor or supporter of progressive measures. He secured an appropriation of $30,000 for the erection of an armory in Schenectady, thereby paving the way for a massive structure that long was the pride of this city. One of his bills was adopted by the General Assembly; was vetoed by a Republican Governor. This measure planned to establish an astronomical observatory at Union College, and called for an appropriation of $100,000. It was too far in advance of the times, and Union College failed of becoming one of the great astronomical centers of the world. One of his last deeds of his first and only term in the Legislature (he would not accept nomination for another term), was getting the passage of bills which secured funds for the support of the Old Ladies Home and the Sisters of Charity.

Schenectady is one of the oldest settlements in New York, and connected historically with the first railroad in the State, and it has important locomotive construction works. Colonel Furman was associated with this early development in several ways. As an assemblyman, he fathered an act by which an appropriation was made for a survey of the Schenectady & Ogdensburg Railroad. He, with Colonel Campbell and Judge Platt Potter, organized this proposed railroad, and the Schenectady and Athens road, paying the expenses thereof from their own pockets. Colonel Furman and Senator Stanford also combined in an effort to establish a railroad locomotive works at Schenectady. The project did not succeed then, but, in 1886, the Edison Machine Works of New York City purchased the plant. Later, 1892, or shortly before the death of Colonel Furman, he had the pleasure of seeing the General Electric Company begin its tremendous industry in the city. He also persuaded the famous rapid transit promoter, A. R. Chisholm, of New York, to construct the first street railway in Schenectady.

Besides his contributions to business of Schenectady, Colonel Furman was constantly to the fore in civic betterment and the welfare of its people. He and Judge Platt donated land upon which beautiful Crescent Park was developed. He was the donor of large sums to the Young Men's Christian Association, and he generously supported numerous humanitarian movements and organizations.

The death of Colonel Furman occurred on January 5, 1894. He left surviving him, besides his widow, who was Catharine Ann Van Guysling, four sons: Robert Furman, M. D., who married Irene Dodd; Van Guysling Furman, who married Anna Mary Dillenbeck; Hamilton Earle Furman, who married Emily Keck; and Harry Alonzo Furman, and one daughter, Katharine Ann.

A previous biographer wrote in appraisal and tribute:

> He was unstintingly charitable to the poor, intensely sympathetic with the suffering, yet so unostentatious that few knew from whence came the sorely needed help. Mer-

chants were directed to send abundant stores and from his own doors almost daily went relief to every worthy soul of whose trouble he knew.

He was a thorough business man all through, and if he was inexorable in the enforcement of that which was his right and due, he always unreservedly recognized and yielded to the rights of others. Many a man whose head is well above water in these calmer, better days, can, if he does not, speak kindly of the man who tided him over in the months and years of storm and panic.

He was the best and most amiable of neighbors, a husband and father whose business ability acquired a beautiful home and left a large competency. He was dearly loved, not alone by his wife and children, but by his family connections far and near, for he was kind, indulgent and generous to a fault with all. To the devoted affection which gave him in life the happiest of homes is added that reverence for his memory that is the best of all testimony to his warmth of heart.

In his day and generation no name was more honored in the community that had been the scene of his noteworthy activities for far more than half a century, than that of Robert Furman.

WALTER KITCHEN—With a broad background of business and industrial experience, Walter Kitchen has contributed in a substantial way to the life of Charleston Four Corners, Montgomery County, where he operates a general store and has his residence.

Mr. Kitchen was born March 7, 1903, in Nottingham, England, son of Walter and Annie (Spencer) Kitchen, both natives of that same English community. His father, born there November 28, 1880, came in 1907 to the United States and now resides in Schenectady. He is a Republican in politics.

Public schools at Oneonta provided Walter Kitchen's early formal education, and he was for three years a student at the high school there. From 1919 to 1923 he was employed by the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. Then, until 1933, he was with the General Electric Company. Coming next to Charleston Four Corners, in Montgomery County, he established a general store here and stocked it with a complete line of meats and groceries, feed and general merchandise. As sole owner of this store, he ministers to a wide variety of community needs, and his place of business has become a center for gatherings of his fellow-citizens from miles around.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Kitchen became a member of the Charleston Four Corners School Board in 1935. He had military training at Oneonta, New York, in his student days. Today Mr. Kitchen belongs to the Schoharie County Retail Grocers' Association. Fishing and hunting are among his favorite sports, and he is fond of all things having to do with healthful outdoor recreation. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Walter Kitchen married, July 3, 1927, in Cobleskill, New York, Margaret Schaeffer, who was born May 27, 1899, in Schoharie, New York.

COLONEL PETER COMINGES BRASHEAR—Some three decades ago Colonel Peter Cominges Brashear, an experienced business man and member of a distinguished Southern family, began his connection with the life of the Capital Region when he became vice-president of the Fort Orange Paper Company at Castleton-on-Hudson. During the intervening years as vice-president, president and chairman of the board, successively, he has played a major rôle in the development of this company, which is one of the largest manufacturers of paper board and folding boxes in the country, and in the general life of the Albany section.

Colonel Brashear was born in Stephensport, Kentucky, on January 20, 1867, son of Joseph David and Anna Mary (Scott) Brashear and a descendant of the ancient and noble French family of De Brassier, whose origins are traced to a remote period of the Middle Ages. The family in this country was established by Benois Brassier and his brother, Robert B. Brassier, Jr., who emigrated to Maryland in 1658 and moved thence to Virginia. Some of their descendants settled in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, birthplace of the celebrated Pittsburgh astronomer, Dr. John A. Brashear, and from that village, William, Richard and Maurice Brashear moved to the falls of the Ohio River shortly before the Revolutionary War. They assisted in building the first fort there and in laying out the present city of Louisville, Kentucky. All three brothers served in the Revolutionary War, and Captain Richard Brashear commanded a company under Colonel George Rogers Clark on his famous march to Vincennes.

William Brashear, the direct ancestor of Colonel Brashear, built one of the first houses in Louisville and was the first to install glass windows in his home. To escape malaria, he secured a thousand acres of land, near the present town of Bardstown in Nelson County, Kentucky, some forty miles south of Louisville, and built the first fort there. He was killed by Indians, and his son and heir, Joseph, became the head of the family at an early age. He was the great-grandfather of Colonel Brashear.

Joseph Brashear established his home in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, taking up a large tract of land on Sinking Creek, four miles south of what is now Stephensport. This property he developed on an extensive scale. He married Elizabeth Cominges, a descendant of the ancient French house of De Cominges, and among their seven children was Peter Cominges Brashear, born in 1801. This boy left home at the age of sixteen, voyaged down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans and, liking the river life, followed it successfully for a number of years. He returned to Stephensport, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, a successful man, bought a large tract of land there and established a river freight service between that port and New Orleans. He was well known along the Mississippi and through his various interests acquired substantial means.

Joseph David Brashear, son of Peter Cominges and Mehitable (Cox) Brashear and father of Colonel Peter Cominges Brashear, was born in Stephensport, Kentucky, in 1842, and died in Louisville in 1909. He was engaged in the tobacco business at Cloverport and Owensboro, Kentucky, and also acquired important mining interests in Colorado and New Mexico. In the former State he was one of the pioneers of Leadville and a founder of that town. Joseph David Brashear married Anna Mary Scott, and they became the parents of a son and a daughter, Peter Cominges and Gense Brashear.

Peter Cominges Brashear, the son, received his preliminary education under private tutors and in the public schools, after which he entered Hanover College at Hanover, Indiana, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1888. He began his business career in the same year in the employ of the First National Bank of Owensboro, Kentucky, and after eight years of service resigned to accept a Federal appointment in the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue. In 1900 he joined the Provident Savings & Life Insurance Company of New York City, with which he remained for ten years as auditor. His association with the Fort Orange Paper Company of Castleton-on-Hudson began at the end of this time. Entering the organization as vice-president and treasurer, he was elected president of the company in 1917 and continued as its executive head until he assumed his present responsibilities as chairman of the board of directors, in which capacity he remains as titular head of the organization.

The Fort Orange Paper Company originated with the paper mill erected at Castleton-on-Hudson by Charles Van Benthuysen in 1858 for the manufacture of print paper. Within a few years it was converted into a plant for the production of governmental postal cards and for a long period received government contracts for this product through the Post Office Department. Meanwhile, in July, 1881, the enterprise was incorporated under its present name. The manufacture of box boards is of comparatively recent origin. It followed upon the demand for cartons and folding paper boxes as a more convenient and sanitary means for packaging foodstuffs and other merchandise. Hitherto very little merchandise reached the public in any other wrapping except brown paper or the brown paper bag. The Fort Orange Paper Company, recognizing the demand, opened a box factory which included a large printing plant. Within a relatively short period this branch of the company's business has grown to immense proportions and it is today one of the world's largest manufacturers in the field. In its production of folding paper boxes, every process of manufacture takes place in the company's own plant, from the making of the paper and the printing ink and plates, to the final decorations of the finished article.

The following quoted paragraphs afford some indication of the skill and effort required in this task:

> Unless one becomes familiar with all the processes of the manufacture, he can have little idea of the amount of work entailed in the production of this simple little article of every day use. From the felling of the tree in the forest to the operations of the pulp mill, where the wood is converted into a fibrous mass known as wood pulp, thence to the paper mills, where the wood pulp is converted into paper board, then to the printing presses, the die cutting and creasing machines, the gluing and packing machines, and finally to the shipping room from which it is sent to the manufacturer of the article that it is to contain—all these processes require skilled labor and the aid of many marvelous machines in order that the finished article may be turned out well made, attractive in appearance and in large numbers.
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> While men are employed exclusively in the Fort Orange paper mill, women operate many of the machines in the box factory and feed the great cylinder presses, some of which print the boxes in colors, cut out the blank and crease the box for proper folding, all at one time. The final operation is the folding and gluing of the box. This is accomplished on what is known as the automatic glue machine. A battery of these, operated entirely by girls, turns out a constant stream of finished boxes counted and neatly piled, at the rate of more than four million a day.

The plant of the Fort Orange Paper Company, picturesquely located, is modern and fully equipped. Working conditions are pleasant, the health and safety of employees are safeguarded by many precautions, and special facilities for their comfort have been installed. Since 1910 the company has operated an informal training school for young men desiring to enter the business and has attracted many university graduates. Between the plant and the neighboring village of Castleton-on-Hudson, a private railroad has been erected, with a special train carrying employees to and from the plant. Five hundred people are normally employed. The present capitalization of the company is ten thousand shares of no par value common stock and four thousand shares of preferred stock. In its operating policies, the company has embodied the principle of the "golden rule," and the quality of its products and service has been the basic factor in its success. Sharing executive responsibilities with Colonel Brashear in shaping and administering the progressive policies which mark the company's operations are W. Gordon Latham, president of the company; Robert S. Harris, vice-president and secretary; Benjamin Van Dyke, treasurer; Thurston T. Paul, assistant treasurer; and Walter Brashear, assistant secretary.

Colonel Brashear is also president of the Castleton Building, Savings & Loan Association. In addition to his business interests he has demonstrated the enlightened character of his citizenship on numerous occasions, and his influence and support have been weighty factors in the success of many civic enterprises of his community. During the Spanish-American War he volunteered for service and following his enlistment, was promoted to be a regimental staff officer, serving as first lieutenant and quartermaster of the 4th Kentucky Infantry, United States Volunteers. In the period of the World War, he was chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee for Schodack, Rensselaer County, and was active in the other drives of the times. He derives his present military title from his appointment as colonel and aide-de-camp on the personal staffs of Governor Flem D. Sampson of Kentucky in 1929 and Governor Ruby Laffoon of Kentucky in 1932.

Colonel Brashear is affiliated with Sunnyside Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Castleton; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Sigma Chi fraternity. He is a member of many clubs, including the Fort Orange Club, Albany Country Club and Schuyler Meadows Club, all of Albany; the Union League Club of New York City; and the Cannes Country Club, Mougins, A. M., France.

He married, at Lexington, Kentucky, on June 8, 1904, Rida Cronley Payne, daughter of Walter Scott and Maria (Ingels) Payne. Mrs. Brashear, a member of one of Kentucky's oldest and most influential families and a reigning society belle in the early years of the century, was born at Ingelside, near Lexington, Kentucky, hereditary seat of her mother's family and one of the famous estates of the Blue Grass region. Colonel and Mrs. Brashear are the parents of one daughter, Gense, born in New York City on March 2, 1908, educated at Emma Willard School in Troy, St. Agnes' School in Albany and at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Connecticut, and in Rome, Italy. She married Zalmon G. Simmons, Jr., of Greenwich, Connecticut, and has one son, Zalmon Gilbert Simmons, 4th.

WILLIAM DAVID COOLIDGE, Ph. D., Sc. D.—As vice-president and director of research of the General Electric Company, Dr. William David Coolidge continues a connection begun more than thirty-five years ago, during which the importance of his work has established his position among the leading research scientists of the country.

He was born in Hudson, Massachusetts, on October 23, 1873, son of Albert Edward and Martha Alice (Shattuck) Coolidge. Although his father was a shoemaker and farmer, his own interest in science became apparent at an early age and after the completion of his preparatory education he entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From this institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1896. During the following year he served as assistant in physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and in 1897 went abroad for graduate work at the University of Leipzig, where he also served as assistant in physics. In 1899 he took his doctorate at the University of Leipzig and upon his return to the United States, was appointed instructor in physical chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1901. In 1904 he was promoted to assistant professor in physico-chemical research. In 1905 he was appointed physico-chemist in the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company in Schenectady and under the auspices of this company launched the program of original research, whose results have brought him international recognition in the world of science. In 1908 he became assistant director of the Research Laboratory of the company; in 1928, associate director; and in 1932 was appointed director. Since 1940 he has been vice-president and director of research of the General Electric Company, a distinction extended to him in recognition of his long service and notable attainments.

Dr. Coolidge has been a frequent contributor to scientific journals, publishing through these media the results of his original research. The research problems which have principally interested him are indicated by the following titles, covering his most important work: Measurement of the Dielectric Constant of Liquids; Conductivity of Aqueous Solutions at High Temperatures (up to 306 degrees Centigrade); Ductile Tungsten; X-ray Tube with Pure Electron Discharge; Production of High Voltage Cathode Rays Outside the Generating Tube; Development of Modern X-ray Generating Apparatus; and The Production of X-rays of Very Short Wave Length. Apparatus and methods developed at the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company under his direction have made possible conspicuous advances in electro-physical and industrial research.

Dr. Coolidge has received many honors in science as a consequence of his work, including the Rumford Medal, conferred upon him in 1914 for his invention and applications of ductile tungsten; the Howard N. Potts Medal of the Franklin Institute, which he received in

1926 for his development of a new and improved X-ray tube; the Louis Edward Levy Gold Medal of the Franklin Institute, conferred upon him the same year; the Gold Medal of the American College of Radiology, given him in 1927; the Hughes Medal of the Royal Society of London, which he received the same year; the Edison Medal (1927); the Washington Award of the Western Society of Engineers (1932); the John Scott Award (1937); the Faraday Medal (1939); and the Modern Pioneers Award of the National Association of Manufacturers (1940). Among these are several of the most valued distinctions in the scientific world. Dr. Coolidge also received a medal of award for his exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; a member of the National Academy of Sciences; the Washington Academy of Sciences, of which he was vice-president in 1931; the American Chemical Society, the American Electrochemical Society, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Physical Society, the American Institute of Chemists and the American Philosophical Society; and an honorary member of the American Roentgen Ray Society, the American Radium Society, the Radiological Society of North America, the American College of Radiology, the Roentgen Society of England, the Societe de Radiologie Medicale de France and the Nordisk Förening för Medicinisk Radiologi (Scandinavia). In 1927 Dr. Coolidge received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Union College and Lehigh University, and in 1937 the University of Zurich conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine.

In addition to his other connections, Dr. Coolidge is a member of the Mohawk Club in Schenectady, the Engineers' Club in Dayton, Ohio, and the Unitarian Church.

On December 30, 1908, Dr. Coolidge married (first) Ethel Wescott Woodward, who died on February 20, 1915, and they became the parents of two children: Elizabeth Belknap, born July 19, 1910, now Mrs. Frank Herschel Smith; and Lawrence David, born December 30, 1913. On February 29, 1916, Dr. Coolidge married (second) Dorothy Elizabeth MacHaffie, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

DAVID HAMLIN BURRELL—Known as the founder of an important and essential industry, David Hamlin Burrell established the firm of D. H. Burrell & Company, manufacturers of dairy supplies and machinery, of Little Falls. The company's history goes back to 1869 and proceeds through a period that brought the broadest extension of mechanical invention and technological improvements in practically every branch of life. And the founder of the Burrell company participated, in an important degree, in the development and fostering of newer conditions in the dairy industry, and so in the revolutionizing of agricultural methods in his times.

Mr. Burrell was born March 17, 1841, in the town of Salisbury, New York, son of Harry and Sarah Montague (Hamlin) Burrell and member of old families on both sides of his house, New Englanders who traced their lineage back to England and France. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Burrell, left the rather sterile country around Sheffield, Massachusetts, just after the turn from the eighteenth century to the nineteenth, and settled at Burrell's Corners, in Salisbury, Herkimer County, New York, six miles north of Little Falls. His son, Harry Burrell, father of D. H. Burrell, was born in 1797 in Sheffield, Massachusetts, and came in infancy to Salisbury, and, growing to maturity in this region, was long engaged in the cheese business as both manufacturer and dealer. In 1827 or 1828 he was asked by the farmers of the region to take their entire season's make of cheese, sent to New York each autumn. The trip by wagon to Albany or Troy, thence to the metropolis by barge, was a slow and difficult one; and the farmers persuaded Harry Burrell to remain in New York and vicinity to sell their products. Later he went also to coast cities in the North and South. Each spring he returned to the country around Salisbury and distributed the gains among the local farmers, deducting a fair commission for himself. For more than a half century he was so engaged, until at length Harry Burrell & Company had as many as sixty thousand or seventy thousand boxes of cheese stored in New York for winter sale each year. Harry Burrell was the first American to ship cheese to England.

His son, David Hamlin Burrell was a resident of his native town of Salisbury until, at the age of twelve years, he removed to Little Falls with his family. There he studied at Little Falls Academy, and when he was sixteen he spent a year at the Reid and Hoffman School, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where about thirty boys were trained. Though his formal education was limited, in the modern sense of the term, he proved himself capable of solving the most difficult problems presented to him by Professor Hoffman, a German mathematician at the Reid and Hoffman School, noted for his wide knowledge and ability; and years later Hamilton College recognized his achievements by conferring upon him the honorary Master of Arts degree.

His first employment was in obtaining cheese contracts for his father, and as time went on he became more and more interested in the business. When only twenty-two years old, in 1863, he purchased in October and November of that year thirty-three thousand boxes of cheese for shipment to New York. Spending the winter in New York, he sold the lot at an average profit of $2.00 per box, netting his firm $66,000. His own salary for the year was $1,000. He had studied the New York sales end of the business from the time he was seventeen years of age, and his courtesy and sound judgment took him far along the pathway to success. He also proved his astuteness as a business man. In 1868, when a firm's failure in London, England, threatened a heavy loss to the Burrell cheese company, David H. Burrell quickly sailed aboard the "City of Paris" for Europe and made practically full collection of the amount due his firm. While in Europe, he decided to remain for some time and study conditions in the cheese business in France and England. He discovered then the superior quality of Cheddar cheese, and when he returned to America he at once closed his New York interests, came back to Little Falls, and devoted his attention to improving the quality of cheese produced in central New York. Along these lines he achieved brilliant success, and his methods were adopted and widely followed by many makers. Largely through his and his father's efforts, the Herkimer County cheese business became world-famous, with Little Falls the center of the industry's largest market.

Coming back to Little Falls in 1869, Mr. Burrell formed a partnership with the late Rodney S. Whitman, then a partner with the late George Ashley, operating a hardware business in the store that later was taken over by Burney Brothers. Conducting operations under the name of Whitman & Burrell, they bought the Ashley business and continued it. The store was a popular center for farmers coming to the village, and Mr. Burrell used it as a meeting place for dairymen to learn of his work. The hardware business gradually became concerned mainly with dairy equipment and machinery, and he immediately devoted himself to improving the quality of such equipment. Afterward Walter W. Whitman was admitted to the partnership, and in 1880 the firm bought the old Presbyterian Church and remodeled it for offices and factory. In 1881 Rodney S. Whitman sold his interests to the other partners and withdrew. On January 1, 1882, the firm name was changed to Burrell & Whitman, and Edward J. Burrell, brother of David H., was admitted to the firm. In 1885 Walter W. Whitman sold his holdings to Mr. Burrell, and the firm name then was changed to D. H. Burrell & Company.

The two brothers introduced the ensilage system of preserving and feeding corn, and also arranged to sell in the United States and Canada the cheese and butter-making preparations of Chris. Hansen's laboratory of Denmark. Chris. Hansen later established a branch laboratory in Little Falls. In 1881 they obtained control of and introduced commercially in America the first centrifugal cream separator, which through successive stages developed into the Burrell-Simplex link-blade separator. The Burrells likewise brought into use milk pasteurizing systems and other milk handling, butter and cheese factory equipment. David H. Burrell particularly interested himself as early as 1860 in a milking machine, trying it out on the Burrell farm in Little Falls. The Burrell B-L-K milker was not made and sold until 1905, but it became thereafter, and so continues today, the oldest power-operated milker used continuously on the American market. Improvements included also the seamless bandage for cheese, brought out by the company in 1876, new styles of churns, butter-workers, milk testers, pasteurizers and coolers, gang presses and self-bandaging hoops. Mr. Burrell himself installed these machines in dairies in the early experimental days of the business, always letting the products themselves speak as the firm's best advertising. Though not a lawyer by training, he familiarized himself with the intricacies of patent law and was often consulted as an authority on the subject.

Among those long connected with Mr. Burrell, aside from his brother, mentioned above, were the following: Harvey Feldmeier, engineer, with whom he became associated in 1893; Loomis Burrell (*q. v.*) and David Hamlin Burrell, Jr. (*q. v.*), his sons, after 1896 and Charles B. Dalzell, engineer after 1902. His sons carried forward the business after his death; and so soundly was it established that they were able to continue it without interruption or difficulty of any kind. Mr. Burrell, the founder, was also interested in other business enterprises and in a variety of civic and public affairs in his home district of New York State. He was president of the National Herkimer County Bank, predecessor of the Herkimer County Trust Company. For twelve years he held that post, from 1901 to 1913, and in the course of those years he distinguished himself in banking, as in manufacturing and business activity. Through his banking connection he added many financiers and leaders from New York and other money centers to his already large acquaintance.

Mr. Burrell was treasurer of the first Dairymen's Board of Trade ever organized in the United States. That was in 1871, when the New York State Dairymen's Association and Board of Trade was formed. A similar one was started later at Elgin, Illinois; then one at Utica; and subsequently others came into being in both Canada and the United States. Mr. Burrell numbered among his acquaintances some of the foremost men of his time, having had interesting experiences with General Alger, of Detroit; Governor Hoard, of Wisconsin; Vice-

President Sherman; former United States Senator Warner Miller; and many others. He helped many young people, as unknown as the above-named individuals were famous, to gain their start in the business world in his home district. He was a member of the first Board of Water Commissioners of Little Falls, organized by act of the State Legislature, the law having been adopted February 11, 1886. Watts T. Loomis, William I. Skinner and C. J. Palmer were his associates on that first board. They issued $250,000 in bonds for building the Beaver Creek water supply in May, 1886. The conduit was brought into use in July, 1887, though it was not finally completed until October, 1888.

Politically he was a Republican, and he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln for President for a second term, in 1864. His State, county and city ballots did not always go for Republican candidates, however; for he gave his support to the men and measures of his choice, never on the basis of any blind partisanship. He supported Judges Rogers and Merrill, both Democrats, who were elected. And in 1911, when the Republican county convention was dominated by what he considered unfair methods, he headed the movement and furnished the money to take the matter to court, with the result that the proceedings were set aside and a new convention was ordered. He himself consistently declined to be a candidate for public office. He helped with many community projects. As early as 1863 he was united with the First Presbyterian Church of Little Falls, of which he was elected a ruling elder October 19, 1869. Later he succeeded Andrew Van Valkenburg as senior elder. Some years ago Mr. Burrell refinished, at his own expense, the Presbyterian manse and the church at a cost of several thousand dollars. Immediately afterward he built and equipped the fine Young Men's Christian Association Building in Jackson Street, providing also certain privileges for young women. Then he gave $60,000 to Little Falls to make possible the beautiful City Hall here. Still later he built the Burrell Building, at Main and Ann streets, which housed the Herkimer County Trust Company and other business tenants. He helped many a needy individual. He abstained from intoxicating liquors and card playing, and sought by logical reasoning to persuade others to his point of view. His strong sense of humanity led him to help many individuals and groups, sometimes quite beyond the boundaries of his own interests; for it was his conviction that no creed or group could monopolize truth or genuine belief.

David H. Burrell married, December 30, 1868, Louisa Loomis, daughter of Judge Arphaxed Loomis. They became the parents of five children: 1. Arphaxed, died at seven months. 2. Loomis. 3. David H., Jr. 4. Anne Louise, died at thirty-one years of age. 5. Mary Elizabeth.

The death of David H. Burrell January 13, 1919, at his beautiful home, "Overlook," in the building of which, with its connecting roadways, retaining walls and extensive grounds, he long took great pride, was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret. The "Herkimer County News," of Little Falls, on January 17, wrote in part editorially:

> It is impossible to express the loss that has come to Little Falls, or the very many ways in which it will be realized. It is safe to say that there never was a man before him and there will probably never be a man after him who did or will mean so much to our community life. His business success, probably beyond all his youthful dreams, had the accompaniment of a rare appreciation of human nature, and a tactful philosophy that could bring others to his way of thinking through his logic and sincerity. We believe it is a fact that with all of his experience with employees there was never a strike in any of his factories, a record most rare in these later days. He believed in reward of service in the measure of both effort and accomplishment, and put his belief into practice, which was probably the secret of the loyalty of his men in all grades of service. This same confidence in the soundness and justice of his conclusions gave him great influence among men who were associated with him in business, charitable or religious effort, and who will regret the loss of this influence more than can be said.

J. J. Gilbert, president of the Herkimer County Trust Company, in a comment to his directors, said:

> The loss we have sustained in his passing is difficult to appreciate and measure. The sense of strength and confidence which his life inspired will only be fully understood and felt as time goes on and we realize that his sympathy, his innate spirit of helpfulness and far-seeing judgment and wisdom are no longer at our instant and complete disposal. These attributes were always at the cheerful service of everyone, strong or weak, rich or poor; all were welcome to his counsel, each sure to receive the benefit and comfort of his advice and assistance.

LOOMIS BURRELL—Since the Cherry-Burrell Corporation, manufacturers of dairy machinery, was formed in 1928 through the merger of seven leading American companies, Loomis Burrell has served as chairman of the corporation's board of directors. The company with which he was formerly connected was D. H. Burrell & Company, Inc., of Little Falls, where he still makes his home and centers his work; and the history of his family in the production of dairy materials dates back two generations. The earlier phase of the story is given in greater detail under the separate heading of his father, "David Hamlin Burrell, Sr.," in this volume.

Loomis Burrell was born July 31, 1872, in Little Falls, New York, son of David Hamlin and Louisa (Loomis)

Burrell. Further details concerning the family appear in connection with records of his father and brother, David Hamlin Burrell (*q. v.*), and David Hamlin Burrell, Jr., (*q. v.*), respectively, in this work.

Loomis Burrell grew to manhood in Little Falls, his native community, attending public schools here and later transferring to the Pennsylvania Military College, at Chester, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with honor and took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1892. He spent the following two years at Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, and in 1894 received the Bachelor of Philosophy degree at that institution. Appointed laboratory assistant, he returned in the next year to Yale as an instructor in analytical chemistry. Finishing his college studies, Mr. Burrell associated himself with his father in the dairy machinery and supply business in Little Falls and Rome, New York, and Brockville, Ontario, Canada. The development of this company from the cheese manufacturing business of his grandfather, Harry Burrell, through the cheese selling and hardware merchandising activities of his father, David H. Burrell, to its more recent stages is a story comprising one of the brilliant business romances of the Capital Region of New York State and of this nation.

The company was known simply as D. H. Burrell & Company until 1919, when it was incorporated at the death of his father. Edward J. Burrell, brother of David H., Sr., at that time was made president, Loomis Burrell vice-president, and his brother, David H. Burrell, Jr., became secretary-treasurer. The other associates were men of responsibility and trust, and the Burrells' capacity for organization, for lifting the quality of their products to the highest levels, and for dealing fairly and honorably with customers, farmers and employees brought into the company a degree of harmonious working not always existing in large business groupings of human beings. In 1928 seven of the country's largest dairy machinery manufacturing companies completed negotiations for a giant merger in the industry, and the consolidation was publicly announced July 13, 1928, in the Little Falls "Evening Times." The announcement emanated from distant Cedar Rapids, Iowa, headquarters of one of the companies, the J. G. Cherry Company, headed by Walter L. Cherry. This company, founded in 1880, had factories in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Tama, Iowa; and Peoria, Illinois; and a distributing house in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The other companies joining in the merger were: The Milwaukee Dairy Supply Manufacturing Company, founded in 1912, makers of the famous Milwaukee bottle filler, with factory and offices in Milwaukee; the John W. Ladd Company, founded in 1901, with factory and general offices in Detroit and distributing branches in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati; the Cherry-Bassett Company, founded in 1913, with factory in Baltimore and distributing houses in Philadelphia, Syracuse, New York and Pittsburgh; the Wright-Ziegler Company, founded in 1864, with factory and distributing house in Boston; and the A. H. Barber-Goodhue Company, founded in 1903, with general offices in Chicago and distributing houses in Indianapolis and St. Paul. In territories not covered by the company through its direct sales force, the Cherry-Burrell Corporation is represented by strong distributors, notably on the Pacific coast and in the South and Southwest. As head of all this giant corporation, Loomis Burrell holds the office of chairman of the board of directors. His name stands high in finance and industry, and he has brought distinction to Little Falls and his home community. The other officers following the merger were: W. L. Cherry, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, president; John W. Ladd, of Detroit, first vice-president, in charge of sales; E. B. Cameron, treasurer; and A. H. Barber, secretary. The directors were: W. L. Cherry, H. H. Cherry, Herbert Cherry, Loomis Burrell, David H. Burrell, Jr., E. W. Neumeister, John W. Ladd, C. S. Bassett, P. R. Ziegler and A. H. Barber. Harvey Feldmeier, formerly of D. H. Burrell & Company, was made chief engineer. The corporation was capitalized, at its inception in 1928, at $8,000,000.

In addition to his work with the Cherry-Burrell Corporation and its predecessor, Loomis Burrell is vice-president of the Mohawk Valley Paper Company, and the Burrows Paper Corporation, and a director of the Buffalo Cold Storage Company, the Squaw Island Development Corporation and the Herkimer County Trust Company, of which he was made president in 1941. He was manager of the New York State Training School for Girls in 1908 and 1909. From 1932 to 1937 he was consultant to the United States Public Health Service. In 1937 he was appointed a delegate to the World's Dairy Congress, in Berlin, Germany. He is a director also of Auburn Theological Seminary and president and a trustee of the Little Falls Public Library. Politically a Republican, he has held aloof for the most part from active partisan politics, though during the World War period he helped his Government by activity on behalf of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He belongs to the Mohawk Valley Country Club, of Little Falls; the Yale Club, of New York; and the Union League Club, of Chicago. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Like his distinguished father and grandfather before him, Loomis Burrell has been a true builder and a business man of the first rank.

At Ithaca, New York, June 20, 1912, Loomis Burrell married Lois Watson Wing, of that city, daughter of Professor Henry H. and Lillian (Watson) Wing. Her father was a member of the Cornell University faculty, heading the department of animal husbandry. He was born at Willow Brook, near Poughkeepsie; and Mrs. Burrell's mother was born at Clyde, Wayne County. Mrs. Burrell herself was born near Clyde on August 24, 1887, and was graduated in 1909 from Cornell as a Bachelor of Arts. Two years later she received a Master of Arts degree there. She is a bacteriologist by profession, and at the time of her marriage she was teaching that subject and doing research work in it at Cornell. She has earned some distinction in leisure time as a landscape painter. Mr. and Mrs. Burrell became the parents of the following children: 1. Lillian Wing Burrell, born June 12, 1913. 2. Elizabeth Loomis Burrell, born April 22, 1915. 3. Jean Burrell, born December 12, 1919. All three were born in Little Falls.

DAVID HAMLIN BURRELL, JR.—Carrying forward the cheese and dairy machinery and equipment manufacturing company founded by his father many years ago, David Hamlin Burrell, Jr., is a member of the board of directors of the Cherry-Burrell Corporation, successors to the former firm of D. H. Burrell & Company.

Mr. Burrell was born January 15, 1874, in Little Falls, New York, son of the late David Hamlin Burrell, Sr., (*q. v.*), and Louisa (Loomis) Burrell. The family is an old one, dating back in America to Jonathan Burrell, of Boston, whose marriage is recorded there in 1722, and to Joseph Loomis, who came to this continent in 1638, according to family records. Further information concerning the father, grandfather and great-grandfather of David H. Burrell, Jr., is to be found under the separate heading of his father.

David Hamlin Burrell, Jr., attended public schools in Little Falls, his birthplace, and later studied at the Pennsylvania Military Academy, and the Hotchkiss School, as a member of its first class. He was graduated from Yale University as a Bachelor of Philosophy in 1896. Returning to Little Falls, he entered the employ of D. H. Burrell & Company, his father's company. When it was incorporated, in 1919, Mr. Burrell was made secretary and treasurer of the corporation. The entire history of this organization through its early years and during the lifetime of the founder is to be found under the separate heading of "David Hamlin Burrell, Sr.," herein. David H. Burrell, Jr., remained as secretary-treasurer until D. H. Burrell & Company became involved in a large merger transaction of seven dairy machinery manufacturing companies, in 1928. At that time the Cherry-Burrell Corporation was formed, with David H. Burrell, Jr., as a member of the board of directors, and one of its vice-presidents, and his brother, Loomis Burrell (*q. v.*), as chairman of the board. The Cherry name derives from the J. G. Cherry Company, one of the seven firms thus united, headed by Walter L. Cherry, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The other companies entering the merger, aside from the Burrell organization were: the Milwaukee Dairy Supply Manufacturing Company, of Milwaukee; the John W. Ladd Company, of Detroit, Cleveland and Cincinnati; the Cherry-Bassett Company, of Baltimore; the Wright-Ziegler Company, of Boston; and the A. H. Barber-Goodhue Company, of Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Paul. Further details concerning these interests appear in the record of Loomis Burrell, in this volume.

In addition to his work along these lines, David H. Burrell, Jr., is interested in the Herkimer County Trust Company, with which his father was connected and of which his brother is a director. He serves as a director of this bank and of several industrial concerns and interests himself in a variety of ways in the life of Little Falls. For nearly thirty years he was a member of the City Board of Education, to which he was first appointed in 1909. A Republican in politics, he has withheld from more prominent and conspicuous participation in party affairs and campaigns. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

David H. Burrell, Jr., married, April 24, 1902, Cornelia Cobb Polhemus, daughter of the Rev. Isaac Heyer and Sarah (Brown) Polhemus, formerly of Bloomfield, New Jersey. Mrs. Burrell is of Colonial Dutch descent, her first American ancestor being the Rev. Johannes Polhemus, who came from Holland during the time of Dutch ascendancy in New York, settling on Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. Burrell became the parents of five children: 1. Anne Polhemus Burrell. 2. Louise Goodwin Burrell. 3. David Hamlin Burrell, III. 4. Barbara Burrell. 5. Cornelia Polhemus Burrell.

FERDINAND SHELDON HULL—No adequate history could be written of Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York, without the name of Ferdinand Sheldon Hull occurring frequently upon its pages. One Hezekiah Hull was the first to pioneer the site of the settlement, and his descendants, representatives of whom have always remained in this section, have played active parts in local development. Ferdinand Sheldon Hull, of the modern generation, was a noteworthy leader in Berlin affairs, whether civic, business, educational or social.

He was born at Berlin, April 14, 1889, son of Harris Grey and Annie Laurie (White) Hull and a descendant from pioneer families in Rensselaer County. His father, a merchant, who died in 1933, was a native of Berlin. His mother came originally from New Haven, Connecticut. She lived to 1936. Ferdinand S. Hull engaged in a number of vocations during a busy life and served the town and county well in several public offices. As a youth he taught for a time in the grade schools. In 1908 he became associated with the Taconic Valley Bank as teller, continuing this connection to 1917, then resigning to enlist in the United States Army for World War service. In 1920 he was appointed postmaster and acted in this capacity throughout the administrations of Presidents Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover. One might say that Mr. Hull had been interested in mercantile pursuits since boyhood, first with his father's store, later as the owner of two stores, one general in character selling dry goods, men and women's requirements, hardware and many of the articles needed in anything from building a house to furnishing it. A second store specialized in meats and groceries. These Berlin establishments occupied the most of the attention he gave to business.

When the United States entered the first World War, Mr. Hull enlisted in his country's service. After attending the Third Officers' Training Corps, at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, beginning in September, 1917, he was commissioned a lieutenant at Camp Lee, Virginia, May, 1918, and went overseas with the 806th Pioneer Regiment from Camp Funston, Kansas. He participated in most of the famous offensives of the American Expeditionary Forces, such as that of the Meuse-Argonne and other sectors. In quite recent years he had been elected to important public offices, in 1936 being made supervisor of the town of Berlin. He was reëlected to this post two years later, and in 1940 was chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Rensselaer County. He was the first Republican supervisor elected in sixteen years in Berlin. Mr. Hull won repute as a conscientious, efficient progressive citizen and public servant. By most people he was credited with being a principal factor in securing $300,000 for the local school district. Fraternally, Mr. Hull was affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a Past Noble Grand. He joined heartily, in organizing charitable and social groups; was always ready to sacrifice time, energy and means to promote the best interests of the town and county. He attended the First Baptist Church of Berlin.

On October 24, 1920, Ferdinand Sheldon Hull married Ruth E. Combs, born in Bedford, Iowa. She was a daughter of Lafayette and Adeline (Wilson) Combs, her father being a financial broker in Seattle, Washington, where he now lives retired.

Mr. Hull passed away November 21, 1940. Mourning, both private and civic, marked the last rites. The Board of Supervisors added to other tributes when it passed resolutions praising his public services and fine qualities as citizen and man, citing that "he was a thinker possessing a broad spirit of justice, together with a talent for logical conclusions and their clear expression. . . . . . He had a knowledge which commanded the respect of those who came in contact with him, coupled with a courtesy and kindness of manner which led one to forget any inequalities existing either in position or ability."

Many officials, associates and citizens praised his character and achievements, and among the editorial comment was one published in a Troy, New York, newspaper, which after outlining the career of "Ferd" Hull, went on in genial appraisal:

> One might ask, if he did not know Ferd Hull, why a man whose career was comparatively restricted reached so deeply into the hearts of his associates and acquaintances. For Mr. Hull died young and never attained to the positions of trust and honor to which his talents pointed.
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> There is a strange something in human life which we call personality. It may be repellant or it may be attractive. We do not entirely know why. But Mr. Hull had a personality of the latter type. He was beloved by his friends; and he had them in every walk of life and in every corner of the county. He made a party when he was present. He left anyone with a glow after talking with him for a few minutes. His kindliness, his smile, his way of dealing with difficult issues, all combined with his individuality to make him a power with those who knew him.
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> One other attribute entered into the picture. That was his integrity. Ferd Hull did not have to sign papers when he made promises. He always kept his word. In business dealings, in political life, in social affairs, he was dependable. No man in the county was trusted for his honesty and his efficiency more thoroughly than he.

HUGH MEREDITH FLICK—As State archivist of the State of New York, Hugh Meredith Flick continues a connection with the State government begun in 1929 and continued intermittently since that time. His present office lies in the Division of Archives, formerly headed by his father, who was for some sixteen years State historian of the State of New York. Mr. Flick is himself a qualified scholar with broad research and administrative experience.

He was born in Syracuse on August 9, 1905, son of Dr. Alexander Clarence Flick and Laura (Page) Flick. His father, who was then professor of European history at Syracuse University, was subsequently head of the department of history and political science at the same institution, and from 1923 to 1939 was State Historian and Director of the Division of Archives and History of the State of New York. He is the author of many historical treatises and monographs.

Hugh Meredith Flick received his preliminary education in the public schools of Syracuse, where he was graduated from high school in 1924, and subsequently entered Wesleyan University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1928. During the summer of 1927 he also studied at the University of Berlin, in Germany, and afterward carried on postgraduate work at Columbia University leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. From 1924 to 1931, Mr. Flick was business manager of the University Travel Study Club, a responsibility involving extensive travel through Europe during the summer months, with lecturing on the historic, cultural and artistic background of the various European countries. From 1929 to 1931, he was Supervisor of Public Records of the State of New York, in the State Education Department, and upon his retirement from this post was appointed research assistant in history and art in the New York Historical Society, serving from 1932 to 1937. In the latter year he returned to the State Education Department, resuming his former duties as Supervisor of Public Records of the State of New York, and upon the retirement of his father in 1939 he became acting State Historian and Director of the Division of Archives and History of the State of New York. In 1940 he received his present appointment as State archivist. With the continued defense emergency, however, Mr. Flick enlisted in the 134th Medical Regiment, United States Army, on January 18, 1941, obtaining leave of absence from his State office. He was duly commissioned staff sergeant and sergeant major of the 3d Battalion and is now on duty with his regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mr. Flick is a member of the New York State Historical Association, the American Historical Association, the Society of American Archivists, numerous local and county historical and genealogical societies and the Sons of the American Revolution, in which he serves as historian. He became a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity at Wesleyan University and served as treasurer of that chapter in 1927 and president in 1928. Mr. Flick is a Methodist in religious faith. He is unmarried.

JUDGE WILLIAM EZRA THORPE—As county judge of Greene County, Judge William Ezra Thorpe has rounded out some seventeen years of service on the bench. He became active at the bar of the county early in the century and has been, over a long period, a prominent professional figure and leading citizen of Catskill.

Judge Thorpe was born at Conesville, Schoharie County, on November 15, 1869, son of Douglas B. and Catharine H. (Ingraham) Thorpe. He received a public school education and came to the law after an earlier career in other fields, completing his preparations for the bar at Albany Law School, now Union University, in 1908. From this institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Upon his admission to practice in 1908, he opened offices in Catskill and for eight years devoted himself to the varied responsibilities of a village attorney, meanwhile rapidly extending his professional reputation. For three years of this period, from 1909 to 1912, he was corporation counsel of Catskill. In 1916 he was appointed Deputy Attorney General of the State of New York and served as such until 1922, after which he returned to general practice at Catskill as senior member of the law firm of Thorpe and Welsh. In 1924 he assumed his present office as county judge of Greene County and has twice been reëlected, each term running six years.

Judge Thorpe is a member of the Greene County and New York State Bar associations and at Catskill serves as a director of the Catskill National Bank. He is a Republican in politics and for many years was active in party councils, serving as chairman of the Republican County Committee of Greene County from 1913 to 1923. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic Order.

On July 1, 1899, Judge Thorpe married Greta DuBois Saxe, of Catskill. They are the parents of one son, William E., Jr.

JOHN FRANCIS SHANNON—Since 1921 John Francis Shannon has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Troy. He is widely known in the Capital Region, not only for his business interests but for his activity in public life as a member of municipal and county governments and as a member for five terms of the New York State Assembly.

Mr. Shannon was born at Norwich, Connecticut, on March 3, 1889, son of John and Carrie (Kniffen) Shannon. After a public school education he launched his active career and in 1907, at the age of eighteen, became assistant wire chief of the Home Telephone Company. This connection he continued until 1915. During the following six years he was associated with the New York Telephone Company, after which, in 1921, he established the real estate and insurance business which he has since successfully carried on at Troy.

Meanwhile, he had already embarked upon his extended career of public service which kept him almost uninterruptedly in public life during a period of a quarter of a century. In 1914-15, Mr. Shannon was a member of the Rensselaer County Board of Supervisors, representing the Fourteenth Ward of the city of Troy. In 1914 he was also elected to the New York State Assembly, serving through the five consecutive sessions from 1915 to 1919, inclusive. In 1919, following his retirement from the Assembly, he was elected to the board of assessors of Troy, on which he served two terms, from 1920 to 1928. In 1930, after an interval of two years, he again returned to public life as city treasurer of Troy, an office which he filled with characteristic zeal and efficiency until 1937.

Mr. Shannon is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus.

He married, on August 18, 1912, Elizabeth T. Fitzgerald, of Troy. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are the parents of the following children: Mary Elizabeth, Gertrude Antoinette, John Francis, Jr., Dorothy Josephine, William P., Marjorie Evaline and Helen Patricia Shannon.

JAMES E. WOODRUFF—The artistic and the utilitarian have run together in the career of James Eugene Woodruff, constituting a balance worthy of emulation in the too hectic life of the day.

His first ambition was to be a printer. As a young man he was engaged at two dollars per week by the Brandon Union Company, of Brandon, Vermont, which not only taught him the "art preservative of all arts," but utilized his energy in collecting bills, soliciting advertising and various other services. He remained in this general utility post for three years, at the end of which time his salary had been multiplied three hundred per cent. and was therefore six dollars per week. Not satisfied with the rate of progress he moved to New York, but one year of metropolitan life proved enough and he resumed relations with the Brandon Union, remaining there until 1906 when he established his own printing business in Brandon under the title, "At the Sign of the Maple Leaf." He maintained this business for five years, then, in 1911, sold it to the Burlington Free Press into whose employment he entered and he continued in various capacities until 1917. He was then offered a position with the Byron G. Moon Advertising Company. After six years of this experience, which would be valuable in any business, he found a wider field to exploit it as sales manager for the Kenwood Mills of the city of Rensselaer, retiring after ten years with that industry, from 1923 to 1933.

Meantime, in 1927, he had purchased the home of Dr. Kreicker, twelve acres of land on the west side of Glass Lake, known as Illingwood, to which he retired after leaving Kenwood. Later he purchased another parcel of equal size on the south side of the lake which, over a period of years, was developed and sold. His own residence is still at Illingwood, Glass Lake, Averill Park, New York, with a winter sojourn at Sarasota, Florida, where he has other property.

Mr. Woodruff was born at Cornwall, Vermont, on May 1, 1877, son of James Grey Livingston and Mary E. (Griswold) Woodruff. The father was a native of Essex County, New York, but moved to Vermont, spending his later years at Brandon.

James E. Woodruff married Annie Griswold, daughter of Eugene and Mary Jane (June) Griswold. Mrs. Woodruff is a member of the Troy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff have two children: 1. Mrs. A. C. Goodwin, of the "Troy Times-Record," who has one child, Albert C. Goodwin, the Fifth. 2. Mrs. Robert B. Mitchell, of Oradell, New Jersey, whose children are Anne and Robert B. Mitchell, Jr.

James Eugene Woodruff is a member of St. Paul's Chapter, No. 25, Free and Accepted Masons of Brandon, Vermont. He was a member (1929-41) of the school board of Averill Park, and is interested in all civic movements. A lover of outdoors he is also a lover of and skilled in oil paintings and has done many country scenes and views along the coasts of Florida.

JUSTIN J. B. LIST—One of the largest real estate and insurance businesses in the Frankfort district is conducted by Justin J. B. List, for many years a well-known figure in the life of Herkimer County. In addition to his business interests he is an influential civic leader and has played an active rôle in virtually all community institutions and enterprises.

Mr. List was born in Frankfort on May 30, 1891, son of Joseph and Anna (Kotary) List. His father, who was born in Aubange, Belgium, in 1847, and came to the United States in February, 1871, was a cabinetmaker by trade and was so engaged until his death on September 3, 1907. The mother, Anna (Kotary) List, was born at Fish Creek, Lewis County, New York, on December 10, 1864, and died on September 22, 1939.

Justin J. B. List was educated in the public schools of Frankfort, where he was graduated from high school in 1908, and afterward studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, spent one year at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and completed his college work at Syracuse University. During his college days he made an outstanding record in athletics, winning four 'varsity letters. For several years after leaving Syracuse, Mr. List was active in various business connections at Frankfort, but after the United States entered the World War, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps on March 10, 1918, and served overseas with the 21st Pursuit Squadron. On August 27, 1918, he was injured in the line of duty and spent a number of months in a convalescent hospital in France. He received his honorable discharge from the service at Camp Upton on April 5, 1919, and returned to Frankfort. Shortly afterward he entered the real estate and insurance business here, establishing an enterprise which developed rapidly under his management. This business, which is conducted under his own name, is one of the largest of its kind in the Frankfort area.

Mr. List has many other claims to community leadership. A Democrat in politics, he has long been influential in his party and since 1912 has served without interruption as chairman of the Democratic village committee of Frankfort. In 1935 he was designated to serve as police judge, bringing to this office all the necessary qualifications. He has held all offices in the Frankfort fire department, of which he was chief in 1934-35, and helped to organize the Herkimer County Volunteer Firemen's Association, of which he was president in 1934-1935. In 1940 he was elected president of the Frankfort Kiwanis Club. Mr. List has also been very active in the American Legion. A member and past commander of Ralph Baldwin Post, No. 845, at Frankfort, he has served as adjutant of this post since 1928 and has played a prominent part in the county and State organizations. In 1924-25, he was county commander of the American Legion and, in 1927, was district commander. In 1928 he was elected and served as State vice-commander, in which capacity he was one of the ranking officers of the Legion. In addition to these connections, Mr. List is affiliated with Ilion Council, No. 518, of the Knights of Columbus, of which he first became a member on May 18, 1910. At Frankfort, he has always been active in general civic affairs, and his active leadership or energetic support have contributed substantially to the success of many community movements. Mr. List is a member of the board of commissioners for the burial of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of Herkimer County, New York.

For the past six years, since 1935, he has represented the Federal Housing Administration as field representative, and the Home Owners' Loan Corporation as contract management broker, managing 170 properties. Mr. List is a Roman Catholic in religious faith. His hobby is the collection of commemorative stamp issues.

On September 27, 1936, he married Frances Conger, of Brushton, New York, daughter of Alpheus and Caroline (Loveland) Conger, both members of old American families.

FRANCIS L. DODGE—Carrying on a general merchandising business in Ashland, Francis L. Dodge has been longer engaged in business at the same location, it is said, than any other man in Greene County.

Mr. Dodge, who has also figured prominently in public affairs, was born January 14, 1856, in Freehold, town of Greenville, New York, son of Egbert B. and Eliza C. (Sax) Dodge and a grandson of Jacob Sax. His father was for years a successful merchant in Freehold, who came to Ashland in 1860. He lived to be nearly ninety years old.

District schools provided Francis L. Dodge's early formal education, and afterward he studied at Stamford Academy and the Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie. He taught school until he was twenty-four years of age, then went into business for himself in Ashland, founding his present store. He has conducted this enterprise down to the time of writing, and is recognized today as one of Greene County's leading business men and citizens. He has earned wide respect and admiration, and has been a power for good.

At all times he has taken a lively interest in Ashland affairs, holding town offices in Ashland. For forty years, through both Republican and Democratic administrations, down to the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Dodge was postmaster of Ashland. He himself is a Republican, and was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Warren G. Harding for President in 1920. He has served Ashland as a justice of the peace and, in 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911, was a town supervisor. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Francis L. Dodge married (first), February 26, 1882, Mary E. Clark, of Ashland, who died July 31, 1932, daughter of George W. Clark. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Fred C. Dodge, born December 5, 1884, attended Windham High School, Spencer Business College and the Barnes School of Anatomy, was engaged in undertaking in New York City until his return, in 1920, to Ashland, where he has since that year been engaged in the mercantile business with his father; he takes an active part in town affairs. 2. Alice M. Dodge, died in infancy. 3. Florence G. Dodge, born November 11, 1892, graduated from Catskill High School, became on October 6, 1923, the wife of George W. Osborn, Jr. (*q. v.*). 4. George F. Dodge, graduated from Windham High School and Mount Hermon College, engaged in the garage business in Ashland; he married Lillian M. Peckham, and they have two children: i. Robert Dodge, born August 11, 1927. ii. Mary Elizabeth Dodge.

Francis L. Dodge married (second), June 9. 1934, Hattie A. Turk, of Ashland.

WYNFORD B. BAILEY—Since 1915 Wynford B. Bailey has been engaged in the mercantile business at Lexington, Greene County, originally in partnership with his father, but now as sole owner of the concern. He is the leading merchant of his community and local postmaster.

Mr. Bailey was born at Jewett, Greene County, on January 24, 1896, son of Eugene and Belle (Pangman) Bailey. His father, who was born in Jewett and died in September, 1936, was a farmer in early life and later a merchant. The mother, also born in Jewett seventy-six years ago, is still living.

Wynford B. Bailey was educated in the public schools of Jewett and at Windham High School, which he attended for three years. His father having established a store at Jewett, he obtained his early mercantile training there and, in 1915, joined the elder Bailey at Lexington, where he purchased the business of Herbert Kipp. This was a complete modern store with an old-established trade. In 1918, Wynford B. Bailey was taken into the business as a partner and gradually assumed increasing responsibilities in its management until in 1928 he took over as its active head. His father retired at that time. Mr. Bailey has since continued the operation of the business, which is the town's leading store and the center of village life. For some years he has also held his present appointment as postmaster, with the post office located in his store.

Mr. Bailey takes an active interest in local affairs and has been influential in the civic movements of the community. He is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with Mountain Lodge, No. 529, Free and Accepted Masons at Windham, the Royal Arch Chapter at Windham, and the Council of Royal and Select Masters at Catskill. During the World War he served as a member of the 305th Motor Truck Company in the 402d Motor Supply Train, National Army. Since the war he has been a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Bailey is a Methodist in religious faith.

On June 30, 1918, he married Marguerite Van Orden, daughter of William G. and the late Carrie Van Orden, of South Durham and member of a Greene County family. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of one son, Walter E., born August 14, 1920. He is a graduate of Grand Gorge Central School and a former student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. At the present time he is attending the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics at Newark, New Jersey.

De LANCEY PALMER—Since 1907 De Lancey Palmer has been engaged in the real estate business at Albany. He is a member of a well-known Albany family and is prominent in the life of the city.

Born at Albany on July 22, 1885, Mr. Palmer is a son of Edward De Lancey and Sarah (Worthington) Palmer, both deceased. His father preceded him as a real estate broker and operator in this community.

After his preliminary education in the Albany schools, culminating in his graduation from Albany Academy in 1903, De Lancey Palmer entered Williams College, where he took his degree in 1907. Immediately afterward, following his return to Albany, he entered the real estate business, in which he engaged on an expanding scale through the organization he now successfully operates.

Mr. Palmer is also a trustee of the Albany Savings Bank, one of the city's old established financial institutions. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club of Albany and the Albany Country Club and is affiliated with the Williams College Chapter of the Sigma Phi fraternity. An Episcopalian in religious faith, Mr. Palmer is a vestryman of St. Peter's Church in this city.

He married, on October 5, 1909, Marian La Dow, daughter of the late Charles La Dow and Alice S. La Dow. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have three children: Florence (Palmer) Adamson, born January 29, 1911; Edward De Lancey Palmer, born July 13, 1916; Marian La Dow Palmer, born December 23, 1919.

DONALD LIVINGSTON BRUSH—Widely known both in his profession and in public life, Donald Livingston Brush is an active member of the Herkimer County bar, past county judge of the Children's Court, and chairman of the Herkimer County Republican Committee. Through his status as a Republican leader and his eminence as a citizen he has frequently been called upon to serve in posts of party responsibility or public trust.

Born at Herkimer on November 10, 1890, Judge Brush is a son of Abram Stephens Brush, accountant and attorney-at-law, and Mary E. (Quackenbush) Brush. He is a brother of Dr. Henry Raymond Brush, head of the Department of French at the University of California at Los Angeles and member of the French Academy.

Donald Livingston Brush received his preliminary education in the Herkimer public schools, was graduated from Herkimer High School in 1908 and then entered Hope College, at Holland, Michigan, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1912. After teaching school for four years, he began the study of law at Albany Law School (Union University), completing the course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1918. In 1919 he was admitted to the New York bar and has since been active in his profession at Herkimer. Judge Brush has appeared in important cases in all courts and has successfully represented many leading interests. In 1922 he became Herkimer County Judge of Children's Court and served as such until 1928, efficiently administering the business of his court. He was a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention of 1938, serving as chairman of the Committee on Canals of the Convention, and is now acting as counsel to the Joint Legislative Committee of New York State, studying the causes of juvenile delinquency and the operations of the children's courts. He has been counsel to the committee since 1939.

Throughout the greater part of his career, Judge Brush has been active in Republican politics and with his election as chairman of the Herkimer County Republican Committee in 1936, he became Republican leader of the county. In 1940 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia from the Thirty-third New York Congressional District. Judge Brush continues as chairman of the Herkimer County Republican Committee and is a well-known up-State party leader. He is affiliated fraternally with Herkimer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Herkimer Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Herkimer.

On June 24, 1915, at Holland, Michigan, Judge Brush married Agnes Visscher, daughter of Johannes W. and Everdiena Visscher. They are the parents of three daughters: Helen Visscher, born March 10, 1919; Mary Louise, born June 27, 1925; and Barbara Visscher, born February 8, 1928.

STEPHEN A. McINTYRE—One of Copake's substantial citizens, Stephen A. McIntyre conducts a successfully organized dairy business, keeping more than forty-five head of cattle, all pure-bred and grade Holsteins.

Mr. McIntyre was born November 8, 1873, at Boston Corners, Columbia County, New York, son of Archibald and Jane (Silvernail) McIntyre. His father, who was for years engaged in the railroad industry in New York State, died in 1925. The mother, born in Columbia County, died in 1929. The family is an old one in this district.

Stephen A. McIntyre attended public schools, and early in life entered the business world, conducting a general mercantile store in Copake, For twenty-nine years he carried on the store, developing, in addition to his original products, a flourishing ice cream parlor and restaurant. After many years of work in business, Mr. McIntyre sold the store and bought a 150-acre farm in Copake. Here he has since that time operated a fine modern dairy business and has earned the admiration of his fellow-citizens for his practical achievement along these lines.

He has also taken an active part in the affairs of Columbia County, serving as town clerk, supervisor and county committeeman of the Democratic party. During the World War he was a member of several boards and committees in his district. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons and the Grange, and was formerly a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

In 1895 Stephen A. McIntyre married Jennie A. Weaver, of Dutchess County, New York, daughter of Charles E. and Mary E. (La Due) Weaver. Her father, a Civil War veteran, was wounded in the battle of Bull Run. He is now deceased. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Edna J., born May 2, 1896, wife of Clarence Carl. 2. Cecil A., born June 17, 1897, married Emily Hoysradt; they have one son, Stephen, and one daughter, Charlotte. 3. Edward H., born February 28, 1900, unmarried. 4. Inez G., born October 6, 1904, became the wife of Ray Ferguson, a veteran of the World War, in which he served as a member of the Ambulance Corps; he was a member of the American Legion and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows until his death in 1935. Mrs. Ferguson and her brother, Edward H. McIntyre, together operate a beautiful theatre in Copake. They built the theatre in 1933. It is sound-equipped for moving pictures, is air-conditioned and has General Electric heating for the winter months. It is the pioneer motion picture house in this part of Columbia County.

CHARLES W. PECK—Operating one of the most up-to-date and completely equipped undertaking and embalming establishments in eastern New York State, Charles W. Peck is head of the firm of Peck & Peck, of Copake. His contribution to the life of his times is a truly significant one, rich in its value to the district in which he works and lives.

Mr. Peck was born February 19, 1886, in Ancram, New York, son of William H. and Albertie (Wilsey) Peck, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a farmer.

Schools at Ancram provided Charles W. Peck's early formal education, and he received his undertaking knowledge from Harry Bain, of Copake, New York, with whom he worked. At the age of sixteen he was working summers for the Hudson River Day Line, continuing for eight years as baggage master on the steamer "Albany" and later on the "Hendrick Hudson." In 1915 he established the Peck Funeral Home, in Copake. In 1934 he admitted his son, Bradford W. Peck, to this firm as a partner, and it was at that time that the name of Peck & Peck was adopted. The firm now has in its organization four licensed undertakers, all members of the Peck family—Charles W. Peck, his wife, and their two sons—each with a license and fully equipped in every way to carry on the work of the firm. The firm also has a complete show room, and its funeral parlors are equipped to meet the needs of local people in every walk of life.

Mr. Peck is active in a variety of affairs in the Copake community. He is treasurer of the New York State Charities and is active in fraternal work as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange. He is also a trustee of the Methodist Church. He served as a member of the County Board of Supervisors in 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the county committee for eighteen years and a member of the Child Welfare Board for sixteen years.

On April 29, 1912, at Copake, New York, Charles W. Peck married Nell Shaver. Mr. and Mrs. Peck became the parents of two sons: 1. Bradford W., referred to above, born in 1913, attended Columbia County schools, became a partner of his father in 1934, also is general agent for several insurance agencies in Copake; he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grange and the Volunteer Firemen's Association and a trustee of the Methodist Church; he married, in 1936, Harriet W. Ackley, and they have a child, Pamela Peck, born in 1938. 2. Buel, born in 1920, also connected with his father in business; he married, December 6, 1941, Jeanne Tremper, of Pine Plains, New York.

In 1938 Mr. Peck built a winter home at Delray Beach, Florida, where he and his wife spend their winters.

ADRIAN DINEHART LANGDON—Through the expansion of his farming interests over a period of years, Adrian Dinehart Langdon, of Copake, has developed the largest farm in Columbia County now in full operation. He is a dairyman and poultryman, a breeder of horses and stock as well as a general farmer who has turned to productive use ninety-five per cent. of his large acreage.

Mr. Langdon was born at Copake on August 19, 1890, son of Grant Darius Langdon, a Copake merchant, who died August 28, 1937, and Carrie Belle (Snyder) Langdon (*q. v.*). Educated in the public schools of Columbia County and at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, he assumed, at the age of seventeen, the management of the farm established at Copake by his maternal grandfather, Aaron Snyder, many years ago. When it came to him, this farm consisted of 160 acres. Since that time it has been enlarged ten fold and now comprises 1654 acres, virtually all of which is devoted to farming purposes. He has not only gone into general farming on a large scale, but also maintains a herd of pedigreed Holstein cows, numbering upwards of 260, breeds and sells Belgian horses, raises sheep and goats and has a poultry flock of some 1,500 fowls constantly on hand. Mr. Langdon is now assisted in the operation of the farm by his son, Grant D. Langdon, and his son-in-law, Walter C. Jensen. As Columbia County's largest farmer he has been active in a number of agricultural and business associations and at one time was a director of the Poughkeepsie Credit Men's Association. He is at present a member of the Dairymen's League Coöperative Association, the Eastern States Holstein Breeders' Association and many smaller organizations. At Copake he is president of the Copake Chamber of Commerce and has always played an active rôle in the civic life of community and county.

Mr. Langdon is a member and Past Master of Copake Grange and is also affiliated with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of the higher York Rite bodies, including the Royal Arch Chapter and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is a member of several local clubs and attends Copake Methodist Church, which he serves as president of the Cemetery Association.

Mr. Langdon married (first) Lizzie Holsapple, now deceased, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Grant Dinehart, born September 29, 1914, married Olive Fisher and has two sons: Grant, Jr., and Adrian. He is associated with his father in the operation of the family farming interests. 2. Lulu H., born November 19, 1919, married Walter C. Jensen and has two sons: Thomas and Peter. Mr. Langdon married (second) Ethel Burch. His home in Copake is one of the show places of this section.

WILLIAM GORDON LATHAM—The Fort Orange Paper Company at Castleton-on-Hudson numbers among its principal executives William Gordon Latham, who joined the organization in early youth, became vice-president while he was still in his twenties and has since played a major rôle in the direction of the company's large business. He is a leading figure in the community life.

Born in Woolsey, Virginia, on February 22, 1896, Mr. Latham is a son of John Wilbur and Mary (Hart) Latham and a descendant of the pioneers of New England. His great-grandfather, Robert Latham, born in Connecticut, moved to Virginia with two of his brothers and became a Baptist minister there. Thomas, the grandfather, settled in Prince William County, Virginia, and there built the old Latham homestead where John Wilbur Latham was born. In turn, John Wilbur Latham became master of the homestead, which he occupied with his wife, Mary (Hart) Latham, and their five children: Mabel, John, Edna, Carroll, and William Gordon.

William Gordon Latham, youngest of the children in this family, obtained his early education in public and private schools. After his graduation from high school, when he was only fifteen years old, he became a student at Western Home School, Cazanova, Virginia, but in the following year withdrew to join the Fort Orange Paper Company at Castleton-on-Hudson. His career with this organization dates from 1912. In one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the State, he served a thorough apprenticeship in the paper-making craft and worked in all departments of the plant as he gained experience in the business. His qualifications for larger responsibilities impressed his superiors and his rise in the company was rapid. At the end of five years he was appointed superintendent of the plant and after another three years was elected vice-president and member of the board of directors. Mr. Latham was also chosen to serve on the executive committee of the board and thus helped both to shape and to execute the policies of the company. He retains these responsibilities in the company and during the past quarter of a century has contributed substantially to its development and progress.

In addition to this connection, Mr. Latham is vice-president and director of the Castleton Building, Savings & Loan Association; director of the National Exchange Bank of Castleton, the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Albany, and the National Paperboard Association, of Chicago. He is affiliated fraternally with Sunnyside Lodge, No. 731, Free and Accepted Masons, at Castleton, and is active in the higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Albany Consistory, thirty-second degree. Mr. Latham is also a member of Cypress Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and of the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Country Club (of which he was president in 1938, 1939, 1940), Schuyler Meadows Club, University Club, and the Lake Placid Club. During the World War, he became, first, a member of the Home Defense Reserve Company of Castleton, of which he was first lieutenant for about a year, and then enlisted in the United States Army, March, 1918, being assigned to training camp at Oswego. Thence he was ordered to Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York, and subsequently to Camp Eustis, Virginia, where he was attached to the 38th Regiment, Heavy Artillery. With these troops he was ordered overseas and was in mid-ocean when the Armistice was signed. The transport ship was recalled at once to the United States, and in December, 1918, Mr. Latham received his honorable discharge from the service. In his own community he has taken an active interest in all the affairs which concern the good citizen and has lent his support wherever needed to promote the cause of civic progress. In politics he is a Republican and is a trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Albany.

On February 28, 1920, William Gordon Latham married Dorothy Morris, of Albany, daughter of William Tremain and Jean (Davis) Morris. They are the parents of two daughters: Jean Greer, born January 24, 1922, and Lila, born April 13, 1925. On June 14, 1941, Jean Greer married Robert Penfield Jones, of Slingerlands, New York.

PHILIP S. DORLON—High on the roll of the eminent citizens of Troy is written the name of Philip S. Dorlon. The city has been fortunate in having him as a citizen for his whole lifetime, now extending past the threescore years and ten. During that period he has been one of its substantial business men and industrialists, who, without ever seeking the limelight has served the community well.

He was born in Troy, December 18, 1868, son of Elias G. and Mary F. (Moore) Dorlon, both also natives of Troy and both now deceased. Elias G. Dorlon was one of the pioneer hotel proprietors of the city, a director of the Union National Bank and an alderman. He encouraged his son to acquire a sound education, although the youth earned a part of his way through college. After being graduated from the Troy Academy, in 1885, Philip S. Dorlon entered Union College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1889. He had not only been a good student but had engaged in many campus activities.

In starting his business career Mr. Dorlon began as an electrical engineer and contractor, at a time when electricity was little used, particularly in private homes. After several years he turned his attention to real estate, winning major successes in this field. It will be recalled by many that he was the developer of the highly restricted residential section known as Westover Road, Troy. From 1916 to the present, Mr. Dorlon has been president of the Troy Novelty Company, Inc., of Troy, manufacturers of collars, neckbands and the like. Incidentally he was the originator of the so-called "Replacement Collar." Under his leadership the company has grown strong down the years, and is well-known for the cordial relations existing between employees and executives.

One of the more recent honors and responsibilities that have come to Mr. Dorlon was appointment in 1938 by Federal Judge Frank Copper as Conciliation Commissioner in this district for a period of three years. He is chairman of the Graduate Council of Union College and is a generous supporter of educational and humanitarian affairs. He has been honored by bestowal of the gold medal by the Graduate Council, which is the alumni award for notable service. In college Mr. Dorlon was a member of the Delta Phi fraternity which was established at Union College in 1827. Fraternally he is affiliated with King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of

Troy. Mr. Dorlon is a director of the Troy Community Chest and of the Salvation Army, and of the Troy Boys Club, a director and first vice-president of the Troy Automobile Club, past director and vice-president of the Troy Club, member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a past president of the Troy Rotary Club. He worships at St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Troy, New York, in 1894, Philip S. Dorlon married Lillian Cadby, born in Birmingham, England, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dorlon were the parents of five children; all born in Troy: 1. Philip S., Jr., graduate of Union College, now an executive of the Tri-State Distributing Company, Inc., of Albany. He is married and has a daughter: i. Emily Trent Dorlon. 2. Elias G., 2d, graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, now engaged as a civil engineer. 3. John H., educated at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, now engaged in the oil business. He is married and has two children: i. Martha W. ii. John H., Jr. 4. Virginia, a graduate of Smith College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from Columbia University with the degree of Master of Arts. She married L. B. Horger, and is the mother of two children: i. Virginia Lewes. ii. John Philip. 5. Emily C., a graduate of Smith College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She married Matthew Meyer and has two children: i. Julia Cadby. ii. Lilian Hunter.

LEO ROSEN—Since his boyhood Leo Rosen has been identified with the arts, chiefly those of music and the theatre. He is a native of Albany, New York, born June 14, 1900, son of Emanuel and Fannie (White) Rosen. His mother, now deceased, lies buried in Albany. His father, retired, came to the United States from Europe and engaged in mercantile pursuits.

After being graduated from the Albany High School, Leo Rosen followed his bent for music and was a very young man when he became an orchestra leader in New York City, and other cities. An excellently skilled musician, both with instruments and the baton, he won a fine reputation in these fields. In 1928 he went with Warner Brothers, as manager of this large corporation's theatres, being in Syracuse until 1930, and a year in other localities or until the reorganization of Warner Brothers' holdings in Upper New York State was completed. Since 1931 he has been the manager of the Troy Theatre, and city manager of the Warner Brothers Theatres in Troy.

Mr. Rosen is widely known and has a legion of friends in all walks of life. He is a member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, Troy Kiwanis Club, Variety Club, Warner Club, and Friday Niters. He worships at Beth El Synagogue.

At Troy, New York, in 1921, Leo Rosen married Anna B. Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cooper, of this city, and they are the parents of a son: Theodore, born in Albany, in 1924, now attending Lansingburgh High School.

GEORGE NEWTON PINDAR—Mr. Pindar was born at Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, son of John Sigsbee Pindar and Magdalena Fox Hiller, of that place, and grandson of John Pindar and Caty Sigsbee. His father was a leading lawyer of Schoharie County, practicing in all the courts, and served in Congress from the Twenty-fourth District in 1884-86, 1890-92.

He received his early formal education in the schools near his High Street home in Cobleskill, through the high school grades, and also had private instruction under the guidance of his aunt, Katherine Pindar, who lived on the "Pindar Farm," at Beekman's Corners, Sharon Springs, and who was a prominent teacher of science and arts during the Reconstruction days in the South.

For thirty-six years George Newton Pindar, of the "Pindar Farm," Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, served as registrar of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City. He studied law in his father's office as a young man, but later he turned his attention away from the law without ever practicing, and became associated with the museum under the presidency of Morris K. Jessup. As a civic worker and in numerous other ways, he accomplished much that was of value; and, since his retirement to the "Pindar Farm," he has delved deeply into the history of the region where he now lives and with which his own life has been associated.

After joining the administrative department of the museum, he later became the secretary of the late Professor Frederic Ward Putnam, of Harvard University, the curator of the anthropological department in the museum. In 1906 he was made registrar. While in this office he instituted and perfected a system of recording accessions which has since been adopted by many similar institutions. Later, in coöperation with the late Felix M. Warburg and General S. Herbert Wolfe, he devised a pension plan for the museum employees and served as its secretary from 1912 to 1934. At another time he was special agent of the United States War Department, in charge of the Philippine exhibit at Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon.

In 1920 Mr. Pindar was made secretary of the New York State commission whose duties were to memorialize Theodore Roosevelt by the erection of a building at Seventy-ninth Street, facing Central Park West, in New York City. Through his untiring efforts this building was duly erected in the years that followed, and was finally dedicated in 1936, and opened to the public. After

1925 Mr. Pindar served as secretary of the board of trustees of this memorial, so continuing down to the time of writing. Mr. Pindar looked forward for years to the unveiling of the heroic bronze equestrian statue of Theodore Roosevelt at that building, and his hopes were realized when this object was accomplished in October, 1940.

After his retirement as registrar of the museum, in 1935, Mr. Pindar came to the "Pindar Farm" to make his home. Here he has taken deep interest in a wide variety of activities. As a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, of Sharon Springs, he has exerted a considerable influence. Active in political affairs, he has been a consistent Democrat, serving as an alternate district delegate to the 1940 Democratic convention from the Twenty-seventh Congressional District. Aside from these party assignments, however, Mr. Pindar never held any political office and never sought any. He is active in the affairs of certain organizations, being a life member of the Explorers' Club of New York, honorary life member of the American Museum of Natural History, life member of the Schoharie County Historical Society, member of the Board of Visitors of the New York State School of Agriculture at Cobleskill, and a member of the Fort Orange Club of Albany. He belongs to Cobleskill Lodge, No. 394, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Valley of Albany Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Cyprus Temple (Albany) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Past Grand in his lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Most of all, however, Mr. Pindar is interested in the farm itself and in the history of the district. The farming activity is of a general nature. The main house was built in 1799 by one Jacob Crounse, and purchased upon completion by Peter A. Hilton. Subsequently it was purchased by Judge Robert Eldredge, whose widow became the wife of John Pindar, George Newton Pindar's grandfather, about 1835 or 1836. Since that time the property has been in the possession of members of the Pindar family. It embraces 110 acres. Bricks were brought from Holland for the house, and were laid in the English style. The original home was long entirely heated by fireplaces, though that source of heat is now supplemented by hot water heat. The walls are sixteen inches thick. All beams are of live oak, put together with wooden pins. Some of the partitions are of plank. The lathe was split from hemlock boards. The woodwork and mantelpieces are of Adam design. The great open fireplace in the present kitchen is flanked by an oven in two parts, the lower for fuel to bake the many loaves placed in a domed recess above and big enough to contain a man. A heavy wrought-iron crane for a kettle swings inside the fireplace. The boards in the present library and parlor, which originally were two bedrooms, are one and one-half inches thick and more than eighteen inches wide and are of pinewood. The farm is itself situated on the Loonenbergh Turnpike, between Hyndsville and Sharon Springs, and is now known as Beekman's Corners, on New York State Route No. 10.

Mr. Pindar is justly proud of many of the possessions of this farm property: the old grandfather clock, made by William Nicholas, in Birmingham, England, in 1785, still keeping correct time; the fine collection of oil paintings; and his own inward possession—his tremendous knowledge of the history and background of the district and all that is in it. Fond of horses and horse racing, he has in the house numerous engravings, somewhat resembling in style the present-day rotogravure. Of particular value is one entitled "The Sporting Review," made in London in 1839, a beautiful "Sadler" drawing, and a number of drawings in color by William Vanderbilt Allen and sketch murals by Operti and by E. W. Deming. On the corner of the "Pindar Farm" there once lived Dr. Sylvanus Palmer (1804-80), the local physician who spent many years in literary pursuits and studied both art and portrait painting. He was known in the literary world as "Peter Paradox," whose famous "Sauerkraut Message," or letters, were published without the author's foreknowledge, and created an endless amount of merriment during the unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign of William C. Bouck, of Middleburgh, in 1840, and his successful campaign of 1842. Nearby, too, stood the old toll gate and a few hundred feet from the house the grave of the Rev. Peter Nicholas Somers, the first Lutheran minister in Schoharie County.

George Newton Pindar married Elizabeth Ottman, daughter of Martin Luther Ottman and Mary Catherine Lehman, now deceased, of Cobleskill. She was born at Sharon and passed away on the old "Pindar Farm" September 4, 1939. She received her formal education in Cobleskill High School. The Pindars became the parents of two daughters: Magdalena Lehman, who was born in November, 1899, in Cobleskill, and attended the Horace Mann School and Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts there in 1922; she became the wife of Kenneth L. Johnston, of New York; another daughter, Katharine Blanche Pindar, born in New York City in 1903, passed away March 3, 1911.

LEONARD D. CARPENTER, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine, Dr. Leonard D. Carpenter is in general practice in Germantown, and is widely known for his extensive private practice and hospital work.

Dr. Carpenter was born February 9, 1908, at Stephentown, New York, son of C. Lockwood and Laura Amanda (Clark) Carpenter. His father is an agriculturist.

After completing his preliminary education, Leonard D. Carpenter was graduated from the University of Syracuse with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1929. He then took a medical course at the College of Medicine of the same university, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1933. After serving an interneship at the Atlantic City General Hospital, Dr. Carpenter was a resident physician at Cornwall Hospital, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, for a year. He commenced the independent practice of his profession in Germantown in 1935, carrying on a general practice, including all branches of medicine. He has staff appointments at Hudson City Hospital, in Hudson, and the Northern Dutchess County Health Center, in Rhinebeck.

He is a member of the Columbia County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, New York State Association of School Physicians, and the American School Health Association. When in college he was a member of Nu Sigma Nu, medical fraternity, and Phi Kappa Psi, undergraduate fraternity, and was elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary medical fraternity. Dr. Carpenter belongs to the Lions Club, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In Newburgh, New York, in 1935, Dr. Leonard D. Carpenter married Virginia M. Baker, daughter of Leslie Baker. She is a graduate of Syracuse University School of Nursing and a registered nurse. She later attended Syracuse University and was affiliated with Pi Beta Phi sorority. Then she did general and private nursing for a time and later was an assistant supervisor of pediatrics at Long Island College Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Carpenter became the parents of the following children: 1. Donna Louise, born January 3, 1937. 2. Leonard Whitney, born October 14, 1938.

LLOYD J. BOICE—Extensively engaged in real estate and insurance work in Germantown, Lloyd J. Boice is secretary-treasurer of the Lawrence-Boice Corporation.

Mr. Boice was born December 23, 1900, in Germantown, New York, son of Arthur and Elizabeth C. (Haynor) Boice. His father was a Germantown fruit farmer.

Schools of Germantown provided Lloyd J. Boice's early education, and he was graduated in 1923 from New York University with the degree of Bachelor of Science. From 1923 to 1926 he was employed by the Germantown National Bank. Then, in 1926, he purchased a partnership with Henry Lawrence in a real estate and insurance firm that Mr. Lawrence operated. Mr. Boice bought the real estate branch of the business and took complete charge of it in 1929, retaining at the same time an interest in the insurance side of the firm. The company has since been incorporated as the Lawrence-Boice Corporation, of which Mr. Boice is, as indicated above, secretary and treasurer.

In addition to his work along these lines, Mr. Boice has taken a lively interest in the general affairs of the real estate world. He is a member and vice-president of the Columbia County Real Estate Board. He is also a member of the Appraisal Commission Real Estate Association of New York State, and belongs to the National Association of Real Estate Boards. He belongs to the International Association of Lions Clubs, in which he is a key member, and the Halcyon Rebekah Society, and is chairman of the membership committee of the Half Moon Club. He is also a member of the volunteer fire company of Germantown. Fraternally he is active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a Past Master of the Grange. Formerly he was president of the local Lions' Club. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Boice is a trustee of Christ Lutheran Church.

In 1926 Lloyd J. Boice married Marguerite Hover, who died in 1931.

EDWIN G. MESICK—Owning the Mesick Grocery Store, Edwin G. Mesick is one of Spencertown's leading business men, though his interests broadly transcend the mere business phase of his activities. Deeply interested in the life of times gone by, he has made a study of both guns and coins, and has developed what is recognized as one of the finest collections of antique guns in this part of the United States. His collection of United States coins is an enviable one.

Mr. Mesick was born in 1905 in Spencertown, New York, son of Dean and Etta (Mulhuran) Mesick, of this place. His father conducts a small hostelry here, and was formerly a trustee of the Spencertown school board. Public schools provided Edwin G. Mesick's early education, and upon leaving school he did farm work for a year, then had the managership of an Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company store, in Albany, New York. He remained there for two years, then worked for the National Biscuit Company, of Albany, as route supervisor. In 1923 he returned to Spencertown, where he spent five years working for his father-in-law and learning carpentry. He bought the Mesick Grocery Store in Spencertown in 1933.

In addition to his business, Mr. Mesick is a member of the Volunteer Fire Company and a past president of the

Rod and Gun Club. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He has a fine collection of antique guns and coins, as indicated above, and is greatly interested in the life of former times. He is himself, according to family records, a direct descendant of the widow Martha Ford, who came to the United States aboard the ship "Fortune," which followed after the "Mayflower," arriving on these shores November 20, 1621. Nine generations ago his ancestors settled in Duxbury, Massachusetts. The Mesicks appeared in Columbia County, New York, in 1823.

On December 7, 1925, at East Greenbush, New York, Edwin G. Mesick married Carrie Ethel Warfield. Three children were born of this marriage: 1. Edwin Calvin Mesick, born December 21, 1930, in Hudson. 2. Arlene Ann Mesick, born January 15, 1934, also in Hudson. 3. Janet Caroline Mesick, born March 10, 1935, in Spencertown.

THE RIGHT REV. GEORGE ASHTON OLDHAM—For more than a third of a century, the Right Rev. George Ashton Oldham, D. D., S. T. D., has been identified with the sacred ministry in the Protestant Episcopal Church of New York. Over much of this period he served churches in Metropolitan New York City, but for nearly two decades he has been a distinguished figure in the religious life of the Capital City, since 1929 being the bishop of Albany.

George Ashton Oldham was born August 15, 1877, at Sunderland, England, son of Joseph Rodgers and Annie Elizabeth (Shaw) Oldham. Bishop Oldham was graduated from Cornell University, 1902, and from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, 1905. Ordained to the ministry that same year, he became curate of Grace Church, New York City, but within a year went in the same capacity to St. Thomas' Church, also in the metropolis. From 1909 to 1917 he was rector of St. Luke's Church, New York City, and from 1917 to 1922, was rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from St. Stephen's College, 1922, from Berkeley Divinity School, 1925, and from the University of Vermont, 1936; from the General Theological Seminary he received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology, 1925.

Since 1922, the Right Rev. George Ashton Oldham has served the Church in Albany, having been bishop coadjutor of Albany from 1922 to 1929, and since then has been bishop of Albany. In addition to his diocesan duties, Bishop Oldham has for many years taken deep interest in international and ecumenical movements. As president in America of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, he has had frequent contacts with distinguished persons of many countries working toward a better international order. He is also an official of the World Council of Churches and active and influential in working towards the unity of Christendom. His breadth of culture, tolerance of peoples and ideas, energy and capacity for the executive direction of affairs, have marked him for exceptional success in the field of Christian labor. Bishop Oldham is a member of the Fort Orange Club, the Schuyler Meadows Club, of Albany, and of the Century Association, of New York; and the Pilgrims of the United States of America.

At the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City, in 1915, Rev. George Ashton Oldham married Emily Pierrepont Gould, daughter of James H. and Mary (Perry) Gould. They are the parents of four children: 1. Mary Perry, born November 13, 1915. 2. Emily Pierrepont, born January 22, 1917, now Mrs. Dudley Hamilton Grape. 3. George Ashton, born October 26, 1918. 4. Lorraine Gould, born April 2, 1923.

WILLIAM JAMES FOSTER, Sc. D.—Through his many contributions to the development of the resources of electrical engineering, William James Foster has established a notable professional reputation. He is one of the pioneers of the electrical industry and for many years was designing and consulting engineer to the General Electric Company at Schenectady, continuing this connection until his retirement.

Dr. Foster was born at Argyle, New York, on September 17, 1860, son of James and Martha (Dobbin) Foster. He attended the district school at Argyle, completed his preparatory education at Argyle Academy and Island Grove School at Fort Edward and subsequently entered Williams College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1884. A year of postgraduate work at Williams, during which time he also served as instructor in mathematics, brought him the degree of Master of Arts in 1885. Dr. Foster also carried on postgraduate work at Cornell University in 1890-91 and received from that institution the degree of Master of Science. After leaving Williams, he served, in 1885-86, as assistant principal of Burr and Burton Seminary, at Manchester, Vermont, and as teacher of science and mathematics at the Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, where he remained from 1886 to 1890. At the end of this time he relinquished his career in education to adopt the electrical engineer's profession. Following his graduate work at Cornell he entered the service of the old Thomson-Houston Company, forerunner of the General Electric Company, at Lynn, Massachusetts, and spent three years as designing engineer at the Lynn plant. In 1894 he came to the General Electric Company at Schenectady, where he continued his work as designing engineer for more than thirty years. From 1925 until 1930, when he retired, he was consulting engineer to the General Electric Company.

Dr. Foster's special province has been alternating current designs. He is widely known professionally as the designer of many electric machines, generators, motors, converters and other electrical equipment and has won frequent honors for his work. Dr. Foster was awarded medals for machine design at the St. Louis, San Francisco and other expositions. He was awarded the Lamme Medal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1931 and in 1923 received from his *alma mater,* Williams College, the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in recognition of his distinguished career. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the honor scholastic society, Phi Beta Kappa, and other organizations, including the Academy of Political Science. Dr. Foster has been a contributor to many technical publications and is the author of "Descendants of John Dobbin of Connagher," a genealogical study of his mother's family. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady and has held various church offices. He is also a member of the Mohawk Golf Club of Schenectady, the Williams Club of New York and the Taconic Golf Club at Williamstown, Massachusetts. Dr. Foster continues his residence in Schenectady, his home for more than forty years.

On September 16, 1896, at Hudson Falls, New York, he married Caroline McEachron, daughter of William James and Lydia (Galusha) McEachron. They are the parents of one son, William James Foster, Jr.

GILBOA-CONESVILLE CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL—Vivian B. Peckham, M. A.—The motor traveler of the older generation who journeys through New York State cannot fail to be impressed by the many large and splendidly equipped central rural schools. Rural education on a plane comparable to that of the larger settled towns has been a problem unsolved until recent years. The Gilboa-Conesville Central Rural School, located in the western section of the Catskill Mountains, is an example of one of the best of the modern provisions for public school education.

It was organized in 1928 to take care of a section in which there were fourteen district schools. Incidentally three more were added during 1935-36 and two more in May, 1940. Whether there are more to be accommodated, or need to be, the writer does not know. The foundation of the present fine building was laid in 1919, and was completed in time for use in September, 1930. The present (1940) average attendance is approximately 450 pupils. The teaching staff numbers nineteen, and there are also three other teachers of one-room rural schools still outside the Gilboa-Conesville Central Rural School System.

The man in charge of any school is largely responsible for its success or failure, and this school has been especially fortunate in its principals. Raymond Hagadorn was the first to hold this post, 1928 to 1933. In the latter year he was succeeded by Professor Vivian B. Peckham, M. A., who now directs its destinies.

Professor Peckham brought to his work in this part of New York exceptionally broad education and experience. He is a native of Solsville, Madison County, New York, born June 16, 1903, and received his elementary education in the Madison Union School. He was graduated from Syracuse University, in 1924, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; then matriculated at the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, from which he received his Master's degree in Arts in 1931. He also has done a great deal of postgraduate work in Columbia University and the School of Administration, New York University, and is in line for a doctorate degree. From 1924 to 1933, he was principal of the Sharon Springs Central School, since which year he has been head of the Gilboa-Conesville Central Rural School. It may be well to recall to the uninitiated that the above school is wonderfully well located on a hill overlooking the Schoharie (Gilboa) Reservoir, that plays so important a part in supplying New York City with water. Its background includes some of the finest peaks of the Catskill Mountains.

Professor Peckham is a member of the Gilboa-Conesville Grange, No. 1558, Patrons of Husbandry, and is affiliated with Gilboa Lodge, No. 630, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Master. Among his clubs is the Gilboa-Conesville Rod and Gun. He is a trustee and member of the Gilboa Methodist Episcopal Church, where he teaches a large Sunday school class.

In 1924, Vivian B. Peckham married June E. Kemp, of Madison, New York, and they are the parents of a daughter, Joyce E., born at Sharon Springs, April 7, 1925.

WELLINGTON B. CLARKE—In 1922, Wellington B. Clarke turned from his earlier career in business to the responsibilities of public life and has since served continuously in public office. He was formerly superintendent of parks of the city of Albany and is now county clerk of Albany County.

Mr. Clarke was born in Albany on February 25, 1871, a son of Alexander and Alicia (Dillon) Clarke. His father, who was born in Ireland and was brought to the United States in 1841, when he was five years old, served with the Union forces in the Civil War. Afterward, he settled in Albany, where he died on November 7, 1924.

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Alicia (Dillon) Clarke, the mother, was born in Albany in 1847 and died on May 10, 1913.

Wellington B. Clarke was educated in the public schools of Albany and at Albany Business College. In his youth he learned the printing trade and was engaged continuously in that business from 1887 to 1921. On January 1, 1922, he took office as superintendent of parks of the city of Albany and met the responsibilities of this post for nineteen years without interruption. Throughout this period his able and efficient administration of his duties was frequently praised. In 1940 Mr. Clarke was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of county clerk. Successful in the election, he began a three-year term January 1, 1941.

Mr. Clarke is well known as an experienced, qualified and affable public servant. He has been active for many years in Democratic politics, in which he is influential, and is affiliated fraternally with Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Clarke is also a member of Albany Typographical Union, No. 4. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church.

On September 30, 1913, he married Margaret H. McCabe, of Albany, daughter of Thomas J. and Nora (Maloney) McCabe.

HENRY GEORGE PFEIL—Operating what is known as Henry's Cycle Shop, Henry George Pfeil deals in bicycles, children's furniture and toys and is one of Schenectady's best known business men.

Mr. Pfeil was born October 4, 1894, in Albany, New York, son of Henry and Mary (Dresline) Pfeil. His father, born in 1865 in Albany, was for many years an inspector of the New York Central Railroad, and was the designer of the present "hopper bottom" coal car for use by railways. He died in September, 1938. The mother, born in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, is widely known among a host of friends.

Public schools in Albany provided Henry George Pfeil's early formal education, and after finishing his high school work in 1909 he became a clerk with Baimer & McDowell, hardware dealers, in Albany, remaining for about a year with that organization. He then went with the Weeber Cycle Works, in Albany, in 1910, remaining until 1912 as clerk and manager there. They not only manufactured bicycles, but also sold and distributed Indian motorcycles. From 1912 to 1915 Mr. Pfeil was assocaited with the Hendee Manufacturing Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts, manufacturers of gas engines, working in their experimental department. In 1916 he purchased the Schenectady organization of the Weeber Cycle Company, continuing his activities here under the name of Henry's Cycle Shop and as Henry G. Pfeil. He deals in bicycles and children's furniture and toys, as indicated above, having a store at Nos. 888-90 Albany Street, Schenectady, and employing four persons. He also maintains a shop for the repair of bicycles, and figures prominently in the business life of his city.

He is a member and former president of the Schenectady Lions Club, and at the time of writing is a district deputy governor of District Y of the New York State Lions organization. He belongs to the Merchants' Association of Albany Street and was at one time president of this organization. In politics he is a Republican. During the World War he served with the 33d Machine Gun Battalion, in the 11th Division, holding the rank of sergeant of ordnance. He was in the service from July, 1917, to February, 1919, and afterward became active in the American Legion as a member of Post No. 21, in Schenectady. He is today a member of the board of trustees of Hartwick Academy, at Oneonta, New York. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he is affiliated with Champion Lodge, No. 554, and in 1919 he served as District Grand Chaplain of this lodge. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran Church in Schenectady, and he is not only a member of the board of trustees of his own congregation, but is a member and director of the American Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church in America. In leisure time he devotes considerable attention to sports and healthful outdoor recreations.

On September 9, 1922, Henry George Pfeil married Henrietta M. Schidizick, of Cooperstown, New York, daughter of Karl and Henrietta (Mauritz) Schidizick. She is a graduate of Milford, New York, High School, and in 1918 graduated from Oneonta State Normal School. She has taught in Leonardsville, Oyster Bay and Schenectady schools. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Henrietta Marie Pfeil. 2. Margaret Elaine Pfeil. Both daughters are high school students in Schenectady at the time of writing.

RAYMOND CORNELIUS VAN VLIET—As operator of a pharmacy in Germantown, Raymond Cornelius Van Vliet occupies a position of leadership and standing in his community. He is intensely interested in community affairs, and has done much for the advancement of local institutions.

Mr. Van Vliet was born February 2, 1894, in Hudson, New York, son of Elmer and Mary E. (Allen) Van Vliet, of Hudson. His father was a funeral director there.

Public schools of Hudson provided Raymond Cornelius Van Vliet's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies he became a student at Union University, in Albany, where he was graduated in 1916 as a Graduate in Pharmacy. Immediately thereafter he accepted an offer to become chief pharmacist at the Santo Tomas Hospital, in the city of Panama, where he remained for three and one-half years following on 1916. Returning to Hudson, he became associated with the McKinstry Drug Company, of that place, where he remained for eight years. In 1936 he came to Germantown to be sole owner and proprietor of the Van Vliet Pharmacy, which he operates successfully down to the time of writing.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Van Vliet is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with several Scottish Rite bodies. He is also a member of the Presbyterian Church and of other local institutions. For the most part he is known, however, as a druggist, and has given his full time to development of the needs of his community along these lines. He is justly proud of his store, which has become, under his guidance, the focal point for physicians from miles around, as well as for shoppers from Germantown and surrounding areas.

Raymond Cornelius Van Vliet married Dorothy Elting, daughter of Robert Elting, Jr., and Jessie (Cole) Elting.

CLARE A. ROBBINS—One of the leading business men of Coeymans, Clare A. Robbins has interested himself in several different types of enterprise—furniture, undertaking, general merchandising and insurance—and he is an honored and respected member of his community.

Mr. Robbins was born January 31, 1899, in Coeymans, New York, son of Sidney L. and Gertrude (King) Robbins. His father's family was established on this continent by his great-grandfather, who came here from England and settled in Troy, New York, about 1809, in young manhood. The grandfather, a native of Troy, was engaged for years in farming at Grapeville, this State, until his death in 1927. The father, Sidney L. Robbins, was born May 5, 1780, at Grapeville, Greene County, New York, and was for years a funeral director and general merchant. He served as president of the Board of Fire Commissioners and was one of the founders of the fire company and a prominent Republican of his community. The mother was born March 19, 1871, at King Hill, New York.

Clare A. Robbins attended public schools at Coeymans, was graduated from high school here in 1918 and from Albany Business College in 1919, and took a special course in accountancy. He was associated, in 1919 and 1920, with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady, and afterward was employed in the accounting department of the Standard Oil Company, at Albany. In April, 1921, he purchased a one-third interest in the business of Robbins Brothers, an enterprise that was founded in 1897 by his father, Sidney L. Robbins, and his uncle, William H. Robbins. This firm was extensively engaged in furniture manufacturing and undertaking and, as time went on, Robbins Brothers developed also a general merchandising business. Clare A. Robbins has taken an ever-increasing responsibility in connection with this business as the years have gone on, and he is now manager of the firm.

To his other activities in the business world, Mr. Robbins has added general insurance work. Engaged in this service since 1926, he represents both the old line and mutual insurance companies. He is a director of the Onesquethan Holding Corporation. A Republican in his political views, he is a member of the Coeymans School Board and the Board of Fire Commissioners. During the World War he served in the Students' Army Training Corps, enlisting in August, 1918, and being stationed at Anandale, New York, until he was honorably discharged, December 13, 1919. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Robbins is a Past Master of Onesquethan Lodge, No. 804, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He belongs to Coeymans Post, No. 177, of the American Legion, and was post commander in 1935 and 1936. He also belongs to the Coeymans Board of Trade and the Coeymans-Ravena Hunting and Fishing Club. He is a trustee of the Methodist Church. He was appointed by President Roosevelt on October 17, 1940, to serve as a member of Draft Board No. 347, to which board he was elected and serves as secretary. Also, he was appointed and serves as special deputy sheriff for Albany County for the Second World War. Having many hobbies, Mr. Robbins is a collector of antiques and rare stamps and is fond of fishing and hunting.

Clare A. Robbins married, June 25, 1925, in Coeymans, New York, Ethel M. Bronk, who was born September 28, 1900, at New Baltimore, New York, daughter of Martin C. and Grace (Gage) Bronk, both natives of New Baltimore, her father born June 10, 1873, and her mother on May 25, 1875. There is one daughter of this marriage, Jane Townsend Robbins, who was born at Coeymans.

GARDNER THOMAS LIDDLE—During his entire active career, Gardner Thomas Liddle has been associated with the Amsterdam textile industries. He is now purchasing agent of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., in this city.

Mr. Liddle was born in Amsterdam on May 14, 1891, son of Dr. William A. and Agnes Marcellus Liddle and is a grandson of Thomas Liddle, an early knit goods manufacturer in Amsterdam. His father, a graduate of Williams College and Albany Medical College, was a practicing physician in this city.

Educated in the Amsterdam public schools, Gardner Thomas Liddle went from high school directly into the Tryon Knitting Mills, beginning this association in 1910. In the following year he entered the employ of Shuttleworth Brothers Company, manufacturers of carpets and rugs at Amsterdam, and after serving his apprenticeship in various departments, was placed in charge of warehousing and later was appointed purchasing agent. When this company, through a merger, became a part of the larger organization known as the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., about 1920, he continued as purchasing agent and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of this position. He has charge of all purchases, including raw materials, supplies and equipment, for the company.

Mr. Liddle is a member of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. He is president of the Montgomery County Sanitarium, in which he has taken an active interest, and is affiliated fraternally with the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter in the Masonic Order. In 1917-18, during the World War, he served in the United States Navy and has been a member since the war of Bergen Post of the American Legion in Amsterdam. Mr. Liddle is also a member of the Antlers Country Club and the Second Presbyterian Church of Amsterdam. He is a Republican in politics and finds his principal recreation in golf.

On November 24, 1919, at Amsterdam, he married Elizabeth Smart, who was born at Groton, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles and Mary Smart. Mr. and Mrs. Liddle are the parents of two children: Thomas, born at Amsterdam on May 25, 1921, now a student at Syracuse University; and Marianne, born April 8, 1927.

GEORGE C. FRYER—A resident of Northville, George C. Fryer is district representative here of the New York Power & Light Corporation.

Mr. Fryer was born December 9, 1896, in the town of Perth, Fulton County, New York, son of Fred Ernest and Katherine (Parry) Fryer. His father, born in Germany, came early in life to the United States and here took up agricultural activities, in which he is still engaged. The mother was born in Birmingham, England, and she, too, came to America in early life. Both were in this country as children.

The Pine Wood School provided George C. Fryer's early formal education, and after completing his studies at Broadalbin High School he came to Northville in association with the New York Power & Light Corporation, then known as the Broadalbin Light & Power Company, on June 10, 1916. He became active as the company's district representative, continuing in a corresponding capacity with the New York Power & Light Corporation when it took over the organization and so serving down to the time of writing.

Along with his work in this connection, Mr. Fryer is a Republican in his political views and a leading figure in local civic and social affairs. He was made vice-president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce in 1940. He belongs to Fishhouse Lodge, No. 298, of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and is also a Past High Priest of Sacandaga Chapter, No. 116, of Royal Arch Masons and a member of Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51, in Gloversville, and an initiate in Cyprus Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Albany. He belongs to Sacandaga Post, No. 1076, of the American Legion, of which he is a Past Commander, and he is also a Past County Commander of the Fulton County Legion organization. Civic affairs, lodge work and Legion activities are all of importance to Mr. Fryer, who is also a member of the Northville Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Fryer is a member of the Baptist Church.

George C. Fryer married, June 18, 1918, Katherine Mae Abrams, of Northville, daughter of Rubert J. and Edna (Cole) Abrams.

JOHN BAYARD PRUYN—Although his practice has centered in New York City since his admission to the bar, John Bayard Pruyn has retained his close association with the life of Kinderhook, where he was born. He is a son of Peter Van Schaack Pruyn, a physician and surgeon at Kinderhook, who died in 1891, and Mary (Tobey) Pruyn, who died in 1938, and is a descendant of an old and notable family.

J. Bayard Pruyn was born on October 14, 1882, and was educated under private tutors and at Williams College, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. He prepared for his profession at New York University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and upon his admission to the bar in 1908, began the practice of law in New York City. Mr. Pruyn specializes in corporation law and has been a well-known figure in his profession for many years. He was formerly associated in practice with Colonel Charles Whittlesey, but has practiced independently since the dissolution of this partnership, with offices in New York City. Much of his time, however, is spent at Kinderhook, where he has been active in both business and civic interests. Mr. Pruyn is vice-president of Risedorph Beverages, Inc., and Pepsi-Cola Albany Bottling Company, Inc., manufacturers of carbonated beverages at Kinderhook and at Albany, and is a director of many other substantial corporations in New York State. He has served as a member of the Kinderhook School Board for several years and has effectively supported the principal civic movements of the community. During the World War, with rank of major in the Red Cross, he was in charge of the work of that organization in the debarkation of the wounded in the New York area.

Mr. Pruyn is affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and is a member of numerous clubs. An Episcopalian in religious faith, he has been vestryman and warden of his church for many years.

In 1934 he married Elsie Sterling Rogers, of New York.

GERRIT ROOZEBOOM, Jr.—In 1933, Gerrit Roozeboom, Jr., turned from his earlier vocation as a printer and established the Roozeboom Hardware Store in Castleton on Hudson, now the leading enterprise of its kind in this community. As a merchant and civic worker he has an influential rôle in its life.

Mr. Roozeboom was born in Amsterdam, Holland, on July 25, 1896, son of Gerrit and Anna Maria Louise (Grooten) Roozeboom. Members of this family were early settlers in what is now New York and some were present at the Schenectady massacre in 1690. Gerrit Roozeboom, Jr., spent his boyhood in Rensselaer County, where he received his education in the public schools, and afterward entered the employ of the Fort Orange Paper Company at Castleton on Hudson as an apprentice in the press room of the plant. Here he learned the printing business thoroughly. Following the entry of the United States into the World War, he enlisted in the army in 1918 and served in Company E of the 321st Infantry, but returned subsequently to the Fort Orange Paper Company and remained with them until 1921. In the latter year he joined the printing firm of C. F. Williams & Son in Albany, continuing there for some twelve years. Resigning in 1933, he established the present Roozeboom Hardware Store in Castleton on Hudson and began business on a very small scale. Gradually he has built up a prosperous enterprise which now employs three clerks and is recognized as the leading hardware business of Castleton on Hudson.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Roozeboom is active in the civic affairs of his community and prominent in a number of fraternal and other organizations. In the American Legion, in which he is one of the best known members of the Capital Region, he has served as Commander of his post, County Commander, Vice-Commander and Commander of the Third New York District, and member of the department finance committee. He is also a member of the "40 & 8." the Free and Accepted Masons and Fellowcraft Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Fish and Game Club and the Seth Wheeler Hose Company of Castleton on Hudson. In the Dutch Reformed Church of Castleton he spent a number of years in the choir and served on the church consistory.

Mr. Roozeboom married, at Nassau, New York, on April 3, 1920, Ruth Clinton Potter, daughter of the Rev. Arthur Potter, deceased, and Lizzie (Sisson) Potter. Mrs. Roozeboom, a graduate of the Troy Conservatory of Music, has served as choir director and organist of the Dutch Reformed Church, has been president since 1916 of the American Legion Auxiliary, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

WALTER SOLOMON CRANDELL—Although his business interests have centered largely in New York City, where he has been a member of the New York Stock Exchange since 1909, Walter Solomon Crandell is a member of an old Columbia County family and has always retained his connections with the county's life. He is a summer resident of Chatham and for several years has served as president of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook.

Mr. Crandell was born at Chatham in 1879, son of Homer and Mary (Hawley) Crandell and a descendant of the Rev. John Crandell, who was at Boston, Massachusetts, as early as 1634, was subsequently imprisoned for his religious beliefs and after his release joined the Providence settlement of Roger Williams, where he became an influential figure. The family was established in Columbia County, New York, by James Crandell, great-grandfather of Walter Solomon Crandell, who settled in the town of Ghent. Solomon Crandell, the grandfather, who married Mary Eliza Wheeler, was one of the early settlers of Chatham, where he established, in 1827, one of the first general stores of the village. In this business, which he conducted until his death, he was followed by his son, Homer.

Walter Solomon Crandell received his preliminary education in the public schools of Chatham and, after completing the high school course, entered Cornell University, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1901. In the same year he was admitted to the New York bar, but his career has been devoted principally to banking and finance. In 1902 he became associated with the New York banking firm of Hawley and Davis, a connection he continued until 1909. At the end of that time he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange, on which he has since been active as a broker. In 1916-17 he was senior member of the brokerage firm of Crandell, Sheppard and Company, and during the intervening years has maintained his own office.

During the course of his career, Mr. Crandell has also been a director or officer of various railroads, serving as secretary of the Des Moines & Fort Dodge Railroad Company from 1905 to 1910; director of the Colorado & Southern Railway Company from 1903 to 1909; and at present as a director of the Minneapolis & St. Louis

Railroad Company. His connection with the National Union Bank of Kinderhook, which he now heads, began with his election as director in 1917. In 1936 he assumed active responsibilities in its management as vice-president, and in 1938 was elected to his present office as president. This institution is one of the oldest banks in the county. Organized in 1853, it opened for business on October first of that year at the corner of Broad and Hudson streets, Kinderhook, under the direction of the first president, William H. Tobey, who served until 1878. He was followed by Stephen H. Wendover, president of the bank from 1879 to 1889, and he in turn was followed by James Bain, who served from 1889 to 1892. The fourth president of the bank was Gerrit S. Collier, whose long tenure terminated in 1923. His successor was J. A. Reynolds, second cashier of the bank, and its president from 1923 until his death in 1937. Walter S. Crandell, the present incumbent, assumed the office of president following Mr. Reynolds' death and has since directed its operations. The original capitalization of the bank, set at $125,000, later was increased to $200,000, and now stands at $100,000. An important factor in the early success of the institution was the service of William A. Rainey, its first cashier, who celebrated his fiftieth year in that office in 1903. For almost ninety years the National Union Bank has served the Kinderhook area, and its long established and notable traditions are continued by the executive personnel at present entrusted with its management.

Walter S. Crandell has other interests in the county and, in 1935-38, was president of the Columbia County Agricultural Society. He is affiliated with Columbia Lodge, No. 98, Free and Accepted Masons, at Chatham, and with various higher bodies in the order, including Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar, at Hudson, and Cyprus Temple of the Shrine at Albany. He is also a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and many clubs, among them the Metropolitan Club, National Republican Club and Cornell University Club, all in New York City; the Siwanoy Country Club, at Bronxville, New York, his home in the metropolitan area; the Columbia Country Club at Hudson; and the Wyantenuck Golf Club at Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed Church at Kinderhook.

In 1909, at Kinderhook, he married Bess Bain, daughter of Peter H. and Hannah (Van Slyck) Bain. Mr. and Mrs. Crandell have four children: Dr. Walter Bain Crandell, born in 1911; Edwin Hawley Crandell, born in 1914; John Underhill Crandell, born in 1917; and Elizabeth Wheeler Crandell, born in 1919.

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL—Marvin B. Loveys, M. S.—The two parts of the following brief sketch have to do with the outline of the history of a century old school and the story of its principal, a man wholly of this century. As the Schoharie Academy it was established by an Act of the New York State Legislature on April 28, 1837. This was long before the public school system of our country had been established, and institutions attempting to provide more than a rudimentary education were private enterprises. A few men and families would subscribe sufficient funds to attract teachers of higher subjects, and usually would provide a building.

The Schoharie Academy was approved by the State, February 5, 1839, as a school for "the education of youths of both sexes." Its first principal was Solomon Sias. The Academy, which had served its purpose well, was razed in 1904, and a new public school building erected on the same site. It burned in 1926 and that same year a new headquarters was again erected on this location. While a specialized school system for Schoharie village was established in 1931, it was not until the following year that additions were made to the building, and that the present excellent Schoharie Central School began its service. It has a principal and thirty-three teachers with an average of six hundred pupils. In other words, The Central School dates from 1932, and was then under the leadership of Gordon Fox, whose régime as principal ended in 1939, when the present principal, Marvin B. Loveys, was installed in the post.

Marvin B. Loveys was born at Johnstown, New York, January 21, 1912, son of Harry J. and Nancy (Ricketts) Loveys. His father, a native of Acton, Province of Ontario, Canada, was a druggist at Johnstown, New York, up to his death on May 3, 1937. His mother, born at Johnstown, is still a resident of that place. Principal Loveys was educated in the Johnstown grammar and high schools, a graduate of the latter in 1930; St. Lawrence University, where he received the degree Bachelor of Science, with the class of 1934, and Cornell University, of which in 1939 he became a Master of Science in Education. In the scholastic year, 1934-35 he taught at Luzerne, New York, in the Hadley-Luzerne High School, and he was principal of the Stratford, New York, High School, until the autumn of 1939, when he came to Schoharie to take over the direction of Schoharie Central School.

On June 26, 1937, Marvin B. Loveys married Elizabeth Ledyard, of Lakewood, Ohio.

HAROLD P. PECKHAM, M. D.—A quarter of a century of practice in Waterford, his birthplace, has placed Dr. Harold P. Peckham in a position of leadership and standing in the medical profession here.

Dr. Peckham was born December 27, 1882, in Waterford, New York, son of Dr. Allen G. and Mary E. (Eddy) Peckham and member of an old and distinguished family. His father, also a physician, practiced medicine as a general practitioner for fifty-eight years until his death on June 10, 1930. A native of Easton, Washington County, New York, where he was born in 1849, the elder Dr. Peckham was graduated in 1871 from the Hahnemann Medical College, of Philadelphia. The mother, born in Waterford in 1847, died June 17, 1932.

Dr. Harold P. Peckham attended Troy Academy, where he was graduated in 1900, and in 1904 took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Williams College. In 1908 he was graduated from Albany Law School as a Bachelor of Laws, and practiced law in Waterford for three years. Deciding to take up medicine, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, in Philadelphia, in 1915. He then began practicing his profession in association with his father, so continuing until the elder man's death. Except for three months of service in the United States Army as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, in 1918, Dr. Peckham has continuously carried on his practice in Waterford since he first began his professional work. In 1919 he had special postgraduate studies at the Medical School of Tulane University, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and in 1938 he took further work at the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital. In 1924 Dr. Peckham became health officer of the Consolidated Health District of Waterford, so continuing down to the time of writing.

In addition to his other professional work, Dr. Peckham is a member of the general medical staff of Leonard Hospital, in Troy. He belongs to the Saratoga County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He belongs to Clinton Lodge, No. 140, of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Royal Arch Chapter of Masonry. He is also a member of the Lions Club in Waterford, the Delta Upsilon fraternity, the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity, the Alpha Sigma medical fraternity, and the Gargoyle Society of Williams College, in which he is an honorary member. He also has legal connections, having practiced law prior to going to medical school, in association with former Surrogate C. A. Waldron. He is a member of Charles J. Brady Post, No. 231, of the American Legion and of the Troy Automobile Club. At present he is local medical defense chief.

RAYMOND CHRISTOPHER MANG—The retail ice business now carried on at Dolgeville, Herkimer County, by Raymond Christopher Mang, was established by his father more than half a century ago. Mr. Mang has been an active figure in the community since he launched his own career and now serves as mayor of the village.

He was born at Salisbury on April 5, 1892, son of Stephen and Florence (Dunning) Mang, both natives of that place. His father is still living, but his mother died on October 13, 1918. After completing a public school education, Raymond C. Mang joined his father in the Dolgeville ice business, which was already twenty-five years old. He has been active in its management since 1912 and now controls the business, which has its center in the plant on Spofford Square and serves the entire village and adjacent areas.

Mr. Mang has long been interested in public affairs. He has sponsored many civic movements, worked energetically to promote community interests and as a public official has served with both zeal and efficiency. From 1927 to 1933 he was trustee of the village and since 1933 has served without interruption as mayor of Dolgeville. His long tenure in this office is an indication of the confidence his administration commands. Mr. Mang has also been active in fraternal circles as a member and Past Master of Dolgeville Lodge, No. 796, Free and Accepted Masons, and as a member and present High Priest of Oriental Chapter, No. 305, Royal Arch Masons. In addition to these connections he is a member of the Dolgeville Business Men's Association and of the Dolgeville Methodist Church, on whose finance committee he serves. A devotee of outdoor life, he finds his principal recreation in camping.

On March 15, 1916, Raymond Christopher Mang married Gertrude Riley, of Dolgeville, daughter of John and Ina (Roantree) Riley. They are the parents of two children: 1. Kenneth Raymond, born July 28, 1917, a graduate of Dolgeville High School and College Center at Little Falls; has been associated with the First National Bank of Dolgeville; now a member of the armed forces at Fort Knox, Kentucky. 2. Evelyn, born May 15, 1920, a graduate of Dolgeville High School, now employed in the office of Eastern Footwear Corporation at Dolgeville.

ALBERT FRANKLIN DOHN—From lumber to steel was the transition made in his career by Albert Franklin Dohn, of Watervliet, New York, vice-president in charge of special sales with the Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Corporation. In a way he was born to the lumber industry, because his father was interested in lumber throughout most of his life in Canada. The son followed in his father's footsteps, but eventually pursued other interests and for the past quarter of a century has been identified with one of the several companies that now are consolidated as Allegheny-Ludlum, one of the large steel manufacturers in the United States.

Mr. Dohn was born at South Cayuga, Ontario, on August 3, 1875, son of Michael and Lavina (Wismer)

Dohn. Both parents were natives of Dunnville, Province of Ontario, Canada, and both are now deceased. As mentioned, the father was interested in lumber selling to the time of his death. Albert Franklin Dohn was educated in the grammar and high schools of Dunnville and the Bryant and Stratton Business College, Buffalo, New York. At first he was employed in a clerical capacity with the Holland-Graves-Montgomery Lumber Company, for about two years before joining Dohn, Fisher & Beyer, of Buffalo, the senior member of the firm being an uncle. The company owned lumber yards and mills.

Mr. Dohn was not to be a lumberman, however, for he soon resigned to enter the employ of the Crosby Company, of Buffalo (stampings), and was foreman of a department in its plant for about five years. There followed some twelve years as secretary and treasurer of the Buffalo Gasoline Motor Company, manufacturers of gasoline engines. The after and more important years of Mr. Dohn's industrial activities are bound up with changing conditions, booms and depressions in the steel and other industries, his own position being affected by necessary adjustments. He probably went to the Atlas Steel Company, of Dunkirk, New York, in 1914, because of his knowledge of markets and sales experience. The Atlas concern was starting to make special steels. Within two years he was made vice-president and director of sales. In 1924, during a reorganization of the company, Mr. Dohn became president of the Atlas Steel Corporation, and continued as director of sales. Five years later the Atlas Steel merged with the Ludlum Steel Corporation of Watervliet, New York, with himself as vice-president in charge of sales. In 1938 another change was made, Ludlum Steel combining with Allegheny Steel, of Pittsburgh, to form the Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Corporation, one of the larger concerns of its kind in the United States. Mr. Dohn is vice-president of the corporation and director of special sales. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Allegheny-Ludlum Corporation; of the Canadian Atlas Steel, Limited, and the Detroit Forgings & Castings Company.

In private life, Mr. Dohn is a prominent figure in Masonic circles, being a life member of Parish Lodge, No. 292, Free and Accepted Masons; Buffalo Chapter, Keystone, No. 71, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, and of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Ismalia Temple, of Buffalo, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which he is a life member. Mr. Dohn is a member of the Fort Orange Club, Albany; Triton Fish and Game Club, of Quebec, Canada; the Schuyler Meadows Country Club, of Albany; and the Shorewood Country Club, of Dunkirk.

At Buffalo, New York, January 25, 1900, Albert Franklin Dohn married Emma Grutler, of Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Dohn are the parents of a daughter, Florence M., who married James M. Stewart, of Wellesley, Massachusetts.

FRANK B. LOUNSBERRY—As a metallurgist and an executive, Frank B. Lounsberry, of Watervliet, is widely known in the steel industry, more particularly in New York State, with which the most of his career has been identified. He was born in Grindstone City, Michigan, April 23, 1890, and is a graduate from the University of Michigan, class of 1912, with the degree of Bachelor in Chemical Engineering.

The parents of Mr. Lounsberry were Frank and Alberta (Hutchinson) Lounsberry. His mother was born at Dunkirk, New York. His father, a native of Canada, came to Michigan in 1889 and was for years a manufacturer of dairy products. The son, of this record, attended local schools prior to matriculating at the University of Michigan, where, as indicated, he received his technical education and professional degree.

Frank B. Lounsberry's first employment of note was with the Franklin Automobile Company, in Syracuse, New York. After a year he joined the Halcomb Steel organization in Syracuse, a connection that was continued until late in 1917, when he went with the Atlas Steel Corporation at Dunkirk, same State, as metallurgist. In January, 1924, he was made operating manager of the great plant, and remained in this executive post until 1929, when the Atlas Steel Corporation was merged with the Ludlum Steel Corporation of Watervliet, and at this time he became vice-president of the latter named company, and director of operations of both its Dunkirk and Watervliet plants. As a matter of record, the Ludlum Steel Company joined to form, in 1938, the Allegheny-Ludlum Corporation.

Mr. Lounsberry is a nationally recognized authority, both as a scientist and engineer and as a leader and efficient executive. He is a director of the Wallingford Steel Company, of Wallingford. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order. Numbered among his clubs are the Fort Orange, the Schuyler's Meadows Country, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, and the Shorewood Country Club of Dunkirk. It is clear that golf is his favorite form of recreation.

In San Francisco, California, in 1935, Frank B. Lounsberry married Margaret Rieters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rieters, of Maine, and they are the parents of a daughter, Jane Wilber.

JOHN S. McGRATH—Since his admission to the New York bar, in 1922, John S. McGrath has been engaged in a general practice of his profession in Watervliet and Albany. He is a native and lifelong resident of Watervliet, born February 7, 1894, son of Matthew A. and Celia (Tetrault) McGrath, both of whom are deceased; both coming originally from Watervliet. His father was for many years a merchant, a realtor, and the owner of a grocery store.

After attending local schools, John S. McGrath was prepared for higher education in LaSalle Institute, Troy, Union College, Schenectady, being graduated from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Six years later he became a Bachelor of Laws, Columbia University, New York City. Admitted to the New York State bar that same year, he established an office in Watervliet and has become a well-known figure in the legal circles of this section of the State. He is a member of the Albany Bar Society and of the New York State Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Watervliet Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Lake George Golf Club. Golf is his favorite recreation. He worships in the faith of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

At Miami, Florida, in 1928, John S. McGrath married Patricia Hartwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwell, of North Adams, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath are the parents of three children, all born in Watervliet, New York: John F., born in 1930; Patricia, born in 1932; and Sheila, born in 1936.

BURNS F. BARFORD—During the course of his professional career, Burns F. Barford has been active both in private practice and in public service, holding State and county appointments. He is a well-known member of the Albany bar and since 1932 has been Assistant Attorney-General of the State of New York.

Mr. Barford was born in Valatie, Columbia County, on September 8, 1891, son of Fred Barford, a resident of Valatie for many years, and a descendant of an English family. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace and afterward entered Fordham University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. In 1916 he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Albany Law School and in the same year was admitted to the New York bar. Since that time he has been engaged in practice in the State capital. From 1916 to 1918, Mr. Barford was a junior attorney with the firm of Tracey, Cooper and Townsend. In 1918 he was appointed assistant counsel to the State Department of Farms and Markets and in 1922 organized the law firm of Flanders, Harris and Barford at Albany, in association with George L. Flanders and Frederick S. Harris. A number of years ago he also established an office in Valatie. He has specialized in food and agricultural law, but has never limited his practice and has appeared successfully in a wide variety of cases. In addition to his private practice, Mr. Barford has remained active in the service of the State and its subdivisions. He was appointed by the Governor as district attorney of Columbia County to fill an unexpired term and afterward resumed his connection with the State government as Assistant Attorney-General. To this office he was first appointed in 1932 and has since served without interruption under the successive State administrations, making his headquarters in Albany.

Mr. Barford is a member of the Albany and Columbia County Bar Associations and the New York State Bar Association. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a member of the Albany Club at Albany and belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.

On April 5, 1915, at Valatie, he married Mary Purcell, daughter of James and Marian (Kearney) Purcell. They are the parents of two sons: Burns F., Jr., who was graduated from Union College in 1937 and Albany Law School in 1940; and James Purcell, a graduate of Union College in the class of 1940.

RAY T. BATES—Widely recognized as one of Hudson's leading citizens, Ray T. Bates is at the time of writing serving in an important public capacity as commissioner of police here. He has for years been engaged in the undertaking business as a member of the firm of Bates and Anderson. In many other ways he has helpfully participated in the life of his community and district, and he has earned the continuing respect and admiration of his contemporaries.

Mr. Bates was born May 6, 1878, in Westford, Chittenden County, Vermont, son of Sidney Charles and Julia D. (Keeler) Bates. His father, born in Westford, was a painter by trade. He died in 1907. The mother, born in Essex, Chittenden County, Vermont, in 1850, was widely known and loved. Harry C. Bates, Ray T. Bates' brother, lives in Westford.

Ray T. Bates attended school in Burlington, Vermont. Graduated from high school there in 1898, he came to Albany, New York, as a student at the Albany Business College, where he was graduated in 1899. He came next to Hudson, where he became associated with the late James E. Phillip, a prominent funeral director in his day, with whom he remained for some time. He then associated himself with the late Elmer Van Vliet, another prominent undertaker, and at Mr. Van Vliet's death formed the firm of Ensign and Bates and took over Mr. Van Vliet's business. This partnership continued for some time until, in 1918, Mr. Bates' partner, Edwin W. Ensign, was tragically killed in the burning of his cottage at Lake Charlotte. In 1919 Mr. Bates formed a new association with Neal M. Anderson, the two men operating the firm of Bates and Anderson down to the time of writing. Mr. Bates is the firm's senior member. He is a member, by invitation, of the National Selected Board of Morticians.

Closely paralleling these activities have been Mr. Bates' efforts to improve his community in one way or another. He has helped, in particular, with the work of different organizations concerned with business, civic, social, fraternal and sports life. Four times he has been chosen president of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member of Hudson Rotary Club, No. 880, has served as its secretary, and was its first representative to the Rotary International Convention in St. Louis in 1923. He is a member and director of the Merchants' Credit Association of Columbia County. Among his other activities, he has been president of the Dutch Arms, at Claverack, New York, an organization of two hundred men, now more than thirty years in existence.

His service as commissioner of police has been of great value to Hudson, where he has been responsible for maintaining law and order in a sound and socially healthful way. Mr. Bates is fond of the out-of-doors, enjoys hunting and fishing, and especially delights, as a hobby, in the production of amateur moving pictures, which give him many fine records of the activities of friends and members of his family, including pictures of scenes of hunting and fishing trips in the Adirondacks and Canada, where he spends a part of each holiday period. He is a member and past president of the Bourbonnais-Kiamika Hunting and Fishing Club, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and a member of the Columbia County Fish and Game Club, of Hudson, New York, and the Amateur Trapshooting Association. Fraternally Mr. Bates is connected with Hudson Lodge, No. 7, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with Hudson Chapter, No. 6, of Royal Arch Masons; Hudson Council, No. 62, of Royal and Select Masters; and Lafayette Commandery, No. 7, of Knights Templar. He also belongs to Lodge No. 787 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; John Banim Lodge, No. 83, of the Knights of Pythias; and Hudson Camp, No. 8771, of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Ray T. Bates married, in January, 1904, Grace A. Fassett, of Mellenville, Columbia County, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Gertrude Julia, born in 1906, became the wife of William S. Greene; they have a daughter, Sara Eleanor Greene, born November 26, 1930. 2. Harold Sidney Fassett, born in 1907, studied at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, where he was assistant manager of the crew and a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

THOMAS MILTON HOLMES, M. D.—The extended practice of medicine which Dr. Thomas Milton Holmes has built up at Delmar, Albany County, during the past quarter of a century, indicates the value placed upon his professional service by the community and adjacent areas. He is an experienced physician, who has devoted his entire career to medicine.

Born at McKownsville, New York, on February 19, 1882, Dr. Holmes is a son of Coley B. and Anna (Clark) Holmes, both now deceased, and a grandson of Thomas Holmes, all of Albany. His father operated a dairy in Albany for approximately fifty years.

Thomas Milton Holmes was educated in the Albany public schools. In 1901 he was graduated from Normal High School, subsequently entering Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1905. His medical training at Albany Medical College followed and, in 1909, after taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine, he began the practice of his profession in Clarksville. Here he remained until 1915. Since that time his professional activities have centered at Delmar, with the exception of the World War period, which saw him in service overseas. Dr. Holmes enlisted in the Army Medical Corps at an early date and was sent overseas, where he was attached to the British Army with the rank of captain. He saw duty in the Arras sector, in Flanders and in the Somme and was wounded while serving near Amiens. After the war he resumed his duties at Delmar, where he has since been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Holmes is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Albany County Medical Society. In addition to his professional connections, he is an active member of Nathaniel Blanchard Post of the American Legion and is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He is also president of the Normanside Club corporation. Dr. Holmes is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. He is widely known for his interest in reforestation, which has been his particular hobby for many years. To this interest Dr. Holmes has given practical effect at his farm in Herkimer County, where he now has over one hundred thousand red pine trees, setting out between five thousand to ten thousand annually.

Dr. Holmes married Florence Heidel, who was born in Herkimer County. They are the parents of one son, Thomas C., born at Guilderland, Albany County, in July, 1905.

LAURENCE V. BENEDICT—Engaged in the practice of law in his native city of Schenectady, Laurence V. Benedict is connected with many local organizations and is regarded with warm affection by his fellow-citizens in the Capital Region.

Mr. Benedict was born December 21, 1902, in Schenectady, New York, son of George W. and Cora (Hoffman) Benedict. His father, born near Watertown, New York, was for years engaged in the real estate business until his death on December 10, 1934. The mother was born in Oxford, New York.

Public schools of Herkimer, New York, provided Laurence V. Benedict's early formal education, and after graduation from Herkimer High School, in 1921, he became a student at Union College, in Schenectady Continuing his studies at Union for two years, Mr. Benedict then became a student at Albany Law School, where, in 1928, he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of New York State in 1929, Mr. Benedict at once began his service in his profession, which has continued down to the time of writing. He is today a member of the law firm of Borst and Smith, of Schenectady, with which he became connected after graduation from law school and in which he became a partner in 1939. His practice is of a general nature, covering all branches of his profession, and Mr. Benedict belongs to the Schenectady County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Benedict is a member of the Mohawk Club and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, which he joined in his student days.

On August 5, 1925, Laurence V. Benedict married Evelyn Allen, of Schenectady, daughter of Frank and Anna (Curry) Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict became the parents of one son, Laurence V. Benedict, Jr., born July 31, 1927.

CARL P. WENDELL—Early in his career, Carl P. Wendell entered the service of the City National Bank & Trust Company of Gloversville, with which he has now spent some thirty years. As cashier and director of this institution, his present responsibilities bring him an important rôle in its operation.

Mr. Wendell was born at Sprout Brook, Montgomery County, New York, on December 27, 1888, son of Charles E. and Mina (Furman) Wendell. His father, a farmer, was also born at Sprout Brook; his mother at Richfield Springs, New York. Both are now deceased.

Carl P. Wendell received his preliminary education in the public schools of Sprout Brook and Ames, after which he completed a course at Gloversville Business School. As a boy he worked on his father's farm, leaving to spend three years with the firm of Richardson & Hewitt, grocers, at Gloversville. This was followed by three months with the Gloversville Knitting Company, following which, on March 22, 1910, he began his long association with the City National Bank & Trust Company as mailing clerk. Mr. Wendell served a thorough apprenticeship in banking operations and in subsequent years worked in all departments of the City National Bank & Trust Company. His designation to the office of cashier in 1928 resulted from his record in the organization and the value placed upon his services. Mr. Wendell has served as cashier of the bank since 1928 and as director since 1931.

In addition to his banking connections he is affiliated with Gloversville Lodge, No. 226, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Eccentric Club of Gloversville. Mr. Wendell is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. Although he has never entered public life, he has fully met the duties of good citizenship in supporting the useful civic enterprises of his community. His favorite recreations are fishing and amateur photography.

On July 15, 1912, Carl P. Wendell married Alice Treher, of Gloversville, daughter of Adolph Treher. They are the parents of one daughter, Alice Mina, born March 11, 1916, who married Albert T. Peck, of Gloversville, and has two sons: John Wendell and Albert T. Peck.

PHILIP PARILLO, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Scotia, Dr. Philip Parillo is one of his community's professional and civic leaders.

Dr. Parillo was born December 21, 1907, in Schenectady, New York, son of Peter and Catherine (Caputo) Parillo. His father, born in 1881 in Naples, Italy, came to the United States in 1905 and died January 5, 1937. The mother, also born near Naples, died March 24, 1931.

Public schools of Schenectady provided Philip Parillo's early education, and he was graduated from high school there in 1927 and took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Union College in 1931. In 1935 he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from Albany Medical College. There followed an interneship at Ellis Hospital, in Schenectady, for one year, and he was for a year a resident in medicine there. He then began his private independent practice of his profession in Scotia, which he has continued down to the time of writing. He is an associate on the staff of Ellis Hospital, serving as an assistant in proctology. He belongs to the Schenectady County

Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, being a Fellow in the National group.

Politically Dr. Parillo is a Republican. He belongs to the Scotia Rotary Club, the University Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Theta Kappa Psi and Alpha Phi Delta fraternities, which he joined in his student days. He is a first lieutenant in the Reserve Officers' Corps of the Army, so serving since 1935, attached to the 135th Infantry Regiment, 12th Evacuation Hospital. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Scotia. In spare time Dr. Parillo is fond of the out-of-doors, playing a great deal of golf when time permits.

On August 9, 1936, Dr. Philip Parillo married Louise De Fel, of Schenectady, New York, daughter of Edward De Fel. Their daughter, Marjorie Ann Parillo, was born March 25, 1939.

CHARLES A. SIMMONS, Jr.—As assistant treasurer and a director of the Simmons Machine Tool Corporation, of Albany, Charles A. Simmons, Jr., occupies a position of high standing in the industrial and commercial life of the Capital Region.

Mr. Simmons was born in Albany, New York, son of Charles A. and the late Josephine (Donnolly) Simmons and member of an old and honorable family. His father was a notable contributor to industrial Albany, whither he came after several years as a machine shop foreman with the New York Central Railroad. His purpose at that time was to open a shop for the manufacture of a tool-holder that he invented and patented. Acquiring "rebuilt" or "repainted" machine tools for use in his plant, he mastered the problem of making them function, and with the passing of the years similarly mastered all the technical obstacles that presented themselves. Many "impossibles" were accomplished. In fact, the shop adopted as a slogan: "The Man Who Says, 'I Can't' Is Out of a Job." Since that time the Simmons plant has become nationally prominent as machinery builders and rebuilders, and it fills many tremendous orders. Fred Wittner has written in a signed article in "Surplus Record" that "Only such a man could have made Albany, white-collarish and unmechanical, a hub in the machinery world."

So much for the founder. The son, Charles A. Simmons, Jr., who has assumed ever greater responsibilities since his father's presence is required a great deal of the time in New York City, completed his preliminary education in a parochial high school in Albany. Following in his father's footsteps, he entered the machinery building industry while still in his teens. Aligning himself with the Simmons Machine Tool Corporation, established by the elder Mr. Simmons, he worked in summer vacation periods in the family plant even before completing his schooling. In 1932 he became a permanent member of the staff, thereafter engaging in the manufacturing process in every department of the huge plant. Rising to the office of vice-president and a director of the company, Charles A. Simmons, Jr., was made assistant treasurer of the Simmons Machine Tool Corporation in 1939. He so serves down to the time of writing, taking the lead increasingly in the production activity of the plant.

He has followed his father's wise policy of individualism, and has found that the company has profited from this policy. The workers in the factory are considered as "individuals" in every sense of the word, and their progress shows that they know how to "take the cue" and rise to the position for which they are adapted by temperament and ability. The younger Mr. Simmons is also active in a number of business organizations, such as the National Association of Purchasing Agents, and he belongs to the Albany Club, the Schuyler Meadow Country Club and the Wolferts' Roost Club. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Golf and flying are among his major recreations.

EDWIN L. SLITER—A native of New York State and long a resident of Dolgeville, Edwin L. Sliter is active in business, civic and cultural affairs here.

Mr. Sliter was born December 22, 1870, in Richfield Springs, New York, son of Horace and Celinda (Bliss) Sliter. His father, born May 20, 1842, in Richfield Springs, died January 9, 1911, at Dolgeville, New York, was long a farmer in Springfield and served as town collector and later as supervisor, and for three terms as superintendent of the poor of Otsego County. Edwin L. Sliter's paternal grandparents were Lendol H. Sliter, born in 1799 in Springfield, died November 7, 1871, in Richfield Springs, at one time a captain in the State Militia, and Hannah (De Long) Sliter, born in 1806, died in 1865. Mrs. Celinda (Bliss) Sliter, Edwin L. Sliter's mother, born May 18, 1841, was a daughter of a farmer and painter, Seth H. Bliss, who was born in 1800 at Schuyler Lake and died there in 1884, and Miranda (Caswell) Bliss, who was born in 1816 in Burlington, Otsego County, and died August 22, 1847, aged thirty-one years.

Edwin L. Sliter attended Richfield Springs Seminary and also studied at Hartwick Seminary, and at the age of fifteen years went to work in the hardware store of W. E. Corey & Company, in Cooperstown. For two years he was employed there. Then he and his father formed the shoe firm of H. Sliter & Son, which they sold two years later. For nine months thereafter Edwin L.

Sliter was a traveling representative with the wholesale jobbing firm of Goff & Macomber, of Binghamton, New York, resigning in 1893 to accept a similar post with Daniel Green & Company, selling agents in New York City for Alfred Dolge. In two years Mr. Sliter began work as traveling representative for the Dolge manufacturing interests in Dolgeville, which were at that time taken over by Daniel Green.

Since that time he has carried on this work and has also interested himself in the life of his home community. Both he and his wife served in the Liberty Loan drives in 1917 and 1918. Mr. Sliter was a trustee of the village of Dolgeville for two years. He is a Demcorat, though an independent voter, and cast his first ballot for Grover Cleveland for President of the United States. He belongs to the Universalist Church and is one of its trustees. He is a member of the Ongowanda and Exchange clubs of Dolgeville, as well as president and a charter member of the Exchange Club, and is affiliated with the Dolgeville Rod and Gun Club and the Dolgeville Athletic Association. He finds diversion in hunting and fishing at his summer cottage on Canada Lake, New York, and has taken several prizes for yachting achievement. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Dolgeville Lodge, No. 796; Oriental Chapter, No. 305, of Royal Arch Masons; Little Falls Commandery, No. 26, of Knights Templar; Mohawk Valley Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (in Utica), and Ziyara Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (also in Utica).

Edwin L. Sliter married, July 7, 1902, in Dolgeville, New York, Laura O. Faville, born February 7, 1876, in this place, daughter of Benjamin Rush and Phœbe (Helmer) Faville. Mrs. Sliter was graduated from Dolgeville High School and Oneonta State Normal School. Her grandfather, William Faville, a farmer, was born in 1785 and died in 1865, living all his life in Dolgeville; and his wife, Happy (Guile) Faville, was born February 2, 1802, and died in 1884. Benjamin Rush Faville, Mrs. Sliter's father, was born October 25, 1832, in Dolgeville, and died May 14, 1916; and his wife lived from March 1, 1833, to February 21, 1905. Edwin L. and Laura O. (Faville) Sliter became the parents of one son, Lendol Faville Sliter, born June 4, 1903, who was graduated in 1924 from Dolgeville High School, then became a student at Princeton University.

GIFFORD A. HILL—Making his home at Ames, Gifford A. Hill has performed a valuable service as superintendent of highways of the town of Canajoharie. He has charge of highways, bridges and roads, as well as highway equipment and its maintenance.

Mr. Hill was born May 4, 1898, in the town of Canajoharie, near Ames, Montgomery County, New York, son of Charles G. and Jane (Crounse) Hill. His great-great-grandfather, Captain Squire Hill, settled in Canajoharie in 1790, coming here from Ashford, Connecticut. Charles G. Hill, Gifford A. Hill's father, born June 10, 1861, in Canajoharie, New York, died March 13, 1937, was long a farmer here, and also operated a grain mill at Waterville, New York. He served as highway superintendent of Canajoharie, and in politics supported the Republican party. The mother, Mrs. Jane (Crounse) Hill, was born September 15, 1865, in White Pigeon, Michigan, and died April 2, 1936.

Public schools at Ames provided Gifford A. Hill's early formal education, and he began work for his father on the home farm of his family and entered the milk business while there. Continuing in that work in 1916 and 1917, he then entered the service of the town of Canajoharie, and after four years, in 1921, was appointed foreman in the State Highway Department. For three years he served as foreman, then, in 1925, became a candidate for the office of superintendent of highways, being elected in November of that year. Serving a two-year term, he was reëlected in every election thereafter down to the time of writing, his present term expiring in December, 1941. As superintendent, Mr. Hill has charge of the town highway system—highways, bridges and roads—and is the official purchaser of highway equipment. He has supervision of the services of from six to fifteen people who are employed in the Highway Department, and is widely known in highway circles in the Capital Region.

Politically Mr. Hill is a Republican. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and to the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club. Motoring is one of his favorite recreations, though he enjoys all forms of healthful outdoor life. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Gifford A. Hill married (first), December 10, 1928, at Schenectady, New York, Lita Smith, born August 31, 1897, in the town of Canajoharie, died June 19, 1933. He married (second), August 21, 1935, at Ames, New York, Dorcas Kenyon, born October 28, 1910, in South Otselic, New York. He has the following children. By the first marriage: 1. Rollin A. Hill, born June 18, 1933, in Amsterdam, New York. By the second marriage: 2. Elaine A. Hill, born October 10, 1936, in Amsterdam, New York. 3. (Rosalee) Ann Hill, born August 19, 1939, in Ames, New York.

CHARLES VOSS—The family of Voss, prominent in the life of Greene County for more than half a century, was established here by Charles Voss, who came to this country from Germany. As owner and operator of the Belvedere Hotel at Hunter, holder of large real estate interests, merchant and public official, he exerted a wide influence throughout this section.

Charles Voss was born in Holstein, Germany, February 14, 1849, son of Frederick and Maria (Relling) Voss. His great-grandfather, Hans Van Voss, was a Netherlander, a farmer and drover, who moved to Holstein and there changed his name to Voss. Charles Voss, the grandfather, was also born in Holland. He accompanied his parents to Holstein and became one of the largest farmers and drovers of that district, where he died at the age of sixty years. Charles Voss reared a large family of children, among whom were Frederick, father of Charles, the American founder of the family; Henry, Horace, Andrew and Louisa.

Frederick Voss, like his forebears, was a farmer and drover in Holstein and developed an extensive business shipping cattle from Denmark to England. Upon his retirement at the age of sixty, he moved to Altona, near the city of Hamburg, and died there at the age of seventy. He married Maria Relling, daughter of Adolph Relling, and they became the parents of eleven children, among whom were William, Edward, Charles, of this record; Mary, Ida, Andrew, Otto, Ernest and Theodore.

Charles Voss spent his youth in the town of his birth, receiving his education in private schools. He learned the miller's trade and later that of cabinetmaking. After working for one year as a journeyman carpenter, he came to the United States in 1869. Landing in New York City, he found employment in a bakery, but soon decided to see the country and headed up-State. Eventually he arrived at Phœnicia, in Ulster County, and was employed there for one year by the Chichester Chair Factory. At the end of that time he went into Sullivan County, worked for two years peeling bark for the tanneries and then returned to the Phœnicia chair factory. When another year had gone by he revisited Germany, returning to the United States in 1876 in time to attend the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. During his stay in Philadelphia he found employment with the Chestnut Street Car Line. In the fall of the year he settled in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where he worked on a farm and ran a milk route into Philadelphia. This was followed a year or so later by his return to Phœnicia. Soon afterward he became manager of a store owned by the Chichester Chair Company and was active in its operation for nine years.

It was then that Charles Voss moved to Hunter, Greene County. With capital accumulated from his savings, he built the Belvedere Hotel, with accommodations for 125 guests. After operating it for eight years, he sold the property, but subsequently repurchased it and remained as its owner and manager during the rest of his life. It is still operated by his daughter. In 1892 Mr. Voss rented the store of Jacob Fromer, which he also conducted for many years, developing an extensive mercantile trade. On July 1, 1898, he received his first appointment as postmaster, an office he held through successive reappointments until 1922. In addition to these interests, he built many homes and summer boarding houses all over the mountains, and acquired large property holdings. Following his retirement as postmaster he devoted himself principally to the management of his real estate. Charles Voss was long conspicuous in his services to his community. He was president of the village and town supervisor for a period of years, held other local offices and was high in the councils of the Republican party. Public-spirited and civic-minded, he contributed effectively and generously to the civic progress of the town and the prosperity of its institutions. He belonged to the Masonic Order for half a century, becoming a member of Kingston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1874, and later affiliating with the higher York Rite bodies, including Catskill Chapter, No. 283, Royal Arch Masons, and Rondout Commandery, Knights Templar.

Charles Voss died on February 18, 1927, admired for his success, for the industry and ability which made it possible and for the qualities of character and citizenship which made him a vital force in his community for so many years.

He married, in 1880, Jennie E. Haner, who survives him. Mrs. Voss is a daughter of William M. and Cornelia (Maginnis) Haner, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Jennie (Stanley) Maginnis, of Prattsville, Greene County. Her paternal grandfather, Martin Haner, was a pioneer farmer at Prattsville, where he settled early in the nineteenth century, coming from Dutchess County. Her father, after farming a number of years in the same town, removed to Roxbury, where he made his home until his retirement.

Charles and Jennie E. (Haner) Voss were the parents of three children: 1. Ralph Stanley, born January 18, 1882, now deceased, who operated an auto livery and taxi business here and was associated with his father in the post office. He married Elizabeth Graves, of New York City, and they became the parents of one daughter, Anna Beth, a graduate of local schools and Skidmore College. First employed in the Tannersville Bank and now as commercial teacher at the local high school, she married Mansfield Showers, of Tannersville, and they have one son, Frederick. 2. Ethel Anne, born March 25, 1884, educated in local schools and at Oneonta Normal School. She was a teacher for a number of years before her marriage to Oliver H. Perry, born in Gloversville, who was one of the outstanding business men in Tannersville and Greene County. Mr. Perry, who died some years ago, was engaged in the lumber business. He served as president of the village and was the prime mover in securing for Tannersville its paved roads and sewers. He also developed Voss Mere Park and Rip Van Winkle Lake. After his death, Mrs. Perry became the wife of Charles F. McAllister, of New York City. 3. Mollie Marie, born June 7, 1886, educated in local schools, she married the late Dr. Edward H. Smith, of Catskill. Although he was a graduate physician, Dr. Smith did not practice that profession, but instead operated the Smith House, a famous hostelry in Catskill, for many years. After his death, Mrs. Smith sold this interest and returned to Tannersville, where she has since devoted herself to the management of the many real estate holdings of her family and the operation of the Belvedere Hotel, built by her father. She has also built and has since operated a tea room and gift shop at the crest of one of the steeper grades on the Rip Van Winkle Trail between Palenville and Haines Falls, already a familiar landmark to travelers in these mountains. Mrs. Smith, like her father, takes an active interest in all local affairs. She has one daughter, Jacqueline Smith, a graduate of Colby Junior College at New London, New Hampshire, who married Perry Cornelius Legg, of Haines Falls. Their children are Perry Charles, born September 6, 1936; and Edward Alfred, born September 8, 1937.

DONALD W. HILL—As a result of his successful business career, Donald W. Hill now operates one of the largest enterprises of its kind in Columbia County. He is a dealer in feeds, coal, cement, fertilizer and lime at East Chatham and has been sole proprietor of this business since 1935.

Mr. Hill was born at East Chatham on July 15, 1905, son of George and Jennie (Weaver) Hill. The father, long a resident of the town, is now employed by his son. Donald W. Hill was educated in the East Chatham public schools and Cobleskill Agricultural School. Upon his return to East Chatham from the latter institution, he entered the employ of Henry Lafe, who had a feed business here. It was this business which Mr. Hill purchased in 1935, becoming sole owner. At the same time he added coal, cement, fertilizer and lime to the complete line of feeds which he handles and during the past five years has built his business, including all lines, into one of the largest in the county.

Although his business receives his undivided attention, Mr. Hill is a member of the local Grange and was for a time its Master. He is also active in the Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee.

On September 14, 1935, at East Chatham, he married Alice Hoag, daughter of Edward Hoag, East Chatham farmer, and Harriett (Eldridge) Hoag.

DANFORTH JOHN RIVET—Except for the years spent in acquiring technical education and a brief business experience in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the life and career of Danforth John Rivet has been identified with Old Forge, Herkimer County, New York. He is a native of the village, born July 21, 1907, son of Peter and Margaret (Branagh) Rivet. His father, now retired, came originally from Syracuse, New York, and his mother was born at Booneville, same State.

The public schools supplied Danforth John Rivet with his elementary education, and he was graduated from the Town of Webb High School in 1926. In 1932 he received the degree Bachelor of Science from Carnegie Institute of Technology, with the class graduated in that year. Accepting a position as store manager with the Kroger Grocery Company, at Pittsburgh, after leaving Carnegie, he remained there until 1934, when he joined Richard Cohen to open a retail establishment in Old Forge. This store deals in groceries, meats, liquors and the like and has met with constantly increasing success. It also acts as the distributors of the Borden Company's dairy products.

Mr. Rivet is a Democrat in politics, but is no seeker after political preferment. His college fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon; he is popular in the Lions Club, and is a member of the Old Forge Fish and Game Club. He is of the Catholic faith.

On May 31, 1935, at Old Forge, New York, Danforth John Rivet married Carol Single Merry, born in Syracuse, daughter of Harold and Laura (Single) Merry.

CARL EDWARD HEEDER—If one were to name the two outstanding interests of Carl Edward Heeder, of Castleton-on-Hudson, they would be his business and public education. For fifteen years he has been connected with the automotive industry in this, his native town, meeting with richly deserved success. His endeavors as chairman of the local school board have been equally effective and have won the praise of the citizens.

He was born in Castleton-on-Hudson, New York, August 16, 1888, son of Charles F. and Margaret (Dorn) Heeder, both parents being of German descent. His father died in 1924 and his mother lived but three years longer. Carl Edward Heeder acquired a sound education in the schools of his birthplace, and early learned the meaning of hard work on his father's farm. He was still a young man when he entered the employ of the

Fort Orange Paper Company, and for the most of the following ten years he followed the trade of millwright. He was, therefore, skilled in the handling of machinery when, in 1925, he secured the Ford Automobile Agency for Castleton-on-Hudson, and built a general garage. He is the sole representative of the Ford company in this district, and his present garage includes, among other things, space for forty cars. At all times he has operated his business under his own name, and his slogan is "Efficient Service." The splendid reputation of his business is the best evidence that he practices what he preaches.

While Mr. Heeder has never been a politician, his public spirit and readiness to serve the community in any way has been expressed best as chairman of the school committee. The past decade has been hard on the public schools, what with less money and higher expenses, but Castleton-on-Hudson has more than held its own in the field of education, largely due to able leadership. Indeed the local school has increased its curriculum; during the chairmanship of Mr. Heeder the school board has added commercial courses of great value and popularity. He also is town tax assessor. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a member of several village organizations, and worships in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which he is the treasurer.

Carl Edward Heeder married (first) Sadie Druschel, who is deceased; and they were the parents of three children: 1. Helen, who married Adolph Beneichen. 2. Warren W., who married Mary Feller. 3. Carl J., who married Julia Smith. Mr. Heeder married (second) Amelia Druschel, and they have two children. 4. Robert E. 5. Jeannette.

EDWIN A. MASON, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Raymertown, Dr. Edwin A. Mason has earned the respect, admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life.

Dr. Mason was born in 1876 in Poestenkill, New York, son of Timothy and Ida (Brock) Mason. His father was long engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Receiving his early education in the public schools of his native district, Edwin A. Mason attended the high school at Hoosick Falls, New York, then went to Albany Medical College, where he was graduated in 1902 as a Doctor of Medicine. He began practicing his profession in that year in Grafton, New York, but in 1904 removed to Raymertown, where he has since carried forward his active practice. He is a member of the associate staff of Leonard Hospital, Troy, having resigned from active hospital duty because of the condition of his health.

Also active in the civic, social and fraternal life of Raymertown and this vicinity of New York State, Dr. Mason belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Spanish-American War he was attached to Company M, 150th Regiment and, though he was not permitted to enter upon active service during the World War, he is now a member of the Hoosick Falls Reserve Corps. Dr. Mason's long and active professional career and his public service have been of such character as to earn for him the confidence and affection of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life, and he is, among his other undertakings, prominent in local religious life as a member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1903, in Rensselaer, Dr. Edwin A. Mason married Mary E. Visscher, daughter of Albert and Lamerdina (Walters) Visscher, both of Dutch descent. Dr. and Mrs. Mason became the parents of one son, Earl V. Mason, who was born in 1918 and educated in public schools in Troy and is now owner and manager of the Shell Station at Raymertown.

W. LEWIS ARMSTRONG—The major part of the business activities of W. Lewis Armstrong, of Old Forge, Herkimer County, has been associated with the automotive industry. As a schoolboy thirty years ago he became interested in the automobile, which was then at the beginning of its constantly growing popularity. His talents were strongly mechanical, and it was this feature of the motor car that engaged his attention and early vocation. World War service incidentally added to his knowledge of mechanics, and after his honorable discharge, he spent some time in a technical institution to add further to his specialized knowledge. Since then he has been engaged in the garage and motor car agency field.

Mr. Armstrong was born at Batavia, New York, October 21, 1891, son of Arthur M. and Mary (Lewis) Armstrong, both natives of Buffalo, New York. His father, a Spanish-American War veteran, is a banker of Buffalo. W. Lewis Armstrong attended elementary schools in Buffalo, notably Public School No. 45, and was graduated from the Buffalo Technical High School. He was variously employed up to the time that the United States entered the First World War. Enlisting in the Navy, December 12, 1917, he was assigned to the U. S. S. "Herreshoff." Later he was on the "Sub-Chaser No. 56," and altogether participated in much active service, both in home waters and overseas. It was with the rank of first-class machinist's mate that he was mustered out in October, 1919.

As already indicated, Mr. Armstrong determined to enlarge his mechanical knowledge, skill and experience, and to this end entered Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, class of 1923. From college he went north to Inlet, Hamilton County, New York, where he operated a garage and dealt in Chevrolet automobiles. This was continued from 1923 to 1930. In the latter named year Mr. Armstrong removed to Old Forge, Herkimer County, where he established an agency for Chevrolet and Oldsmobile motor cars and trucks. He also maintains a large garage and general repair business, and has won a reputation that extends far beyond the local area.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Old Forge School Board and has furthered various movements undertaken in the town of Webb. He is a member of the Lions Club, the Volunteer Firemen's Association, and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons.

On October 10, 1923, at Old Forge, W. Lewis Armstrong married Mary Goodwin, born at Castleton-on-the-Hudson, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are the parents of three children: Virginia Lucille, born at Inlet; Lewis Goodwin, born at Oneida; and Mary Lee, also born in Oneida.

GEORGE A. BURGIN, M. D.—Since he established his practice in Little Falls some years ago, Dr. George A. Burgin has been one of the city's most active physicians and surgeons.

He was born in Albany on May 14, 1901, son of Bryan and Lillian M. (Jones) Burgin. His father, who was born in Unadilla, is head of the science department of the Albany public schools. Dr. Burgin received his preliminary education in the Albany public schools and afterward entered Union College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1923. In 1926 he was graduated from Albany Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and during the following year served as interne in Ellis Hospital at Schenectady. At the end of this time he began general practice at St. Johnsville, Montgomery County, where his professional activities centered until 1932. In the latter year Dr. Burgin went abroad. He spent three months in postgraduate work at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh and for another period of three months was resident surgeon at the Royal Infirmary in Sheffield, England. These tenures were followed by four months of postgraduate study in the principal clinics and hospitals of Vienna. Upon his return to the United States after this further training, Dr. Burgin settled in Little Falls and has since been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in this city. His thorough preparations for his career and broad professional experience have contributed to the rapid development of his practice and the growth of his professional reputation.

Dr. Burgin has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1938. He is also a member of the American Medical Association and the State and County Medical societies. At Little Falls he is a member of the staff of Little Falls Hospital. Dr. Burgin is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. He is a member of the Mohawk Valley Country Club and the Lake Placid Club, is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Golf is his favorite recreation.

In 1927 Dr. Burgin married Ethel Hodge, of Herkimer.

WILLIAM S. COOK—Since he adopted the profession of law, William S. Cook has been engaged in practice at Herkimer and Mohawk. He is active in many connections in Herkimer County, both as an attorney and as a civic leader, whose interest in public affairs is well known.

Mr. Cook was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 21, 1906, son of Charles and Amelia (Carroll) Cook. His father, who is now retired, was born in Montreal, Canada. His mother, a native of Ireland, died on February 9, 1909.

William S. Cook received his preliminary education in the public schools of Mohawk, where he completed the high school course in 1926, and afterward entered Fordham University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1930. After further study at Fordham Law School, he rounded out his preparations for the bar under James O. O'Donnell at Herkimer and was admitted to practice in 1937. Since that time he has devoted himself to professional responsibilities in Herkimer and in Mohawk, where he now maintains offices. Mr. Cook has never limited his practice to any single branch of law and has appeared successfully in a wide variety of cases. Outside his profession he is well known in Republican politics, especially as a leader of the Young Republicans' Club of Herkimer, which he helped to organize and of which he was president in 1933. He has taken an enlightened interest in all community projects and has always been willing to contribute to the promotion of desirable community objectives, with many of which he has been actively associated. Mr. Cook is at present a member of the Mohawk Playground Commission. He is a member of the Herkimer Service Club, the Council of the Mohawks at Mohawk, Herkimer Lodge, No. 1439, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the New York State and Herkimer County Bar associations. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Mohawk. Mr. Cook is fond of hunting, fishing, golf and other sports and has made a hobby of flower gardening. He is unmarried.

FREDERICK JEROME LEONARD, M. D.—For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Frederick Jerome Leonard has been active in medical circles of Herkimer County, practicing at Ilion, where he has large responsibilities arising from the many demands upon his services and his varied institutional connections.

Dr. Leonard was born at Seneca Falls, New York, on February 23, 1886, son of Edwin J. and Cynthia (Ames) Leonard. His father, who was born at Berkshire, New York, is a grocer and wholesale coal dealer in Syracuse. His mother, now deceased, was born at Moravia, Cayuga County.

Frederick Jerome Leonard received his early education at Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls and subsequently entered Syracuse University, where he prepared for his professional career. In 1911 he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and in his last year there was president of the Senior Medical Class. After taking his degree, Dr. Leonard served one year as interne at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd in Syracuse. On May 14, 1913, he established his practice in Ilion and has since devoted himself to its responsibilities. Dr. Leonard is also physician and surgeon for the tabulating and typewriter divisions of the Remington Rand Company in Ilion. His professional qualifications are well known and have brought him an important position in the medical life of the county.

Dr. Leonard is a member of the Herkimer County and New York State Medical associations. During the World War he was commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps, X-Ray Department, and spent nine months in the service with duty at Fort Oglethorpe, Fort Logan, Roots General Hospital, No. 33, at Little Rock, Arkansas, and General Hospital, No. 10, in Boston, Massachusetts. Since the war he has been a member of Crim-Shaffer Post, No. 920, of the American Legion in Ilion. Dr. Leonard is also affiliated with Ilion Lodge, No. 541, Free and Accepted Masons; Ilion Lodge, No. 1444, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is interested in sports, particularly hunting, fishing and boating, which are his favorite recreations.

In 1912, Dr. Leonard married Mildred K. Fero, of Corning, New York, who died in February, 1921. On April 4, 1923, he married (second) Editha Smith, of Ilion. He has one adopted son, Theodore Leonard.

A. PARKER BOICE—In public office the work of A. Parker Boice, of Clermont, has been noteworthy, his achievement along these lines supplementing his agricultural work, which he has now given up entirely in order to give his time more fully to his work as safety engineer of Columbia County.

Mr. Boice was born October 28, 1892, in Clermont, New York, son of Arthur and Elizabeth C. (Haynor) Boice. His father was a farmer in Germantown.

Schools of Clermont provided A. Parker Boice's early education, and he studied at Albany Business College. Taking up farming, he has continued this work almost uninterruptedly since that time, though gradually his public activities have become so extensive that he has had to give up these earlier undertakings. In March, 1940, he sold his farm and determined to give his full time to his work as safety engineer, as indicated above. He took this office in February, 1940. Since 1932 he has been supervisor of Clermont, having been so elected in that year. He has been several times reëlected since that time, and in 1932 and 1933 served as chairman of the Board of County Supervisors.

Several business enterprises have also interested Mr. Boice from time to time. He is a director of the Germantown Coöperative Building & Loan Association. He is a member of Clermont's Volunteer Fire Department, and belongs to the Grange, the Half Moon Anchorage and Clermont Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. He is a trustee of Christ Lutheran Church of Germantown.

On January 1, 1914, A. Parker Boice married Della Bosburgh, of Germantown. They have a son, Gerald Boice, born March 25, 1915.

FRANK PRUYN TUCKER—For more than a third of a century, Frank Pruyn Tucker, of Albany, New York, has been identified with the fire insurance business. Since 1909 his activities have been largely confined to duties as secretary and treasurer of the Coöperative Fire Underwriters Association of New York State, in the capital city, an organization composed now of sixteen separate New York State standard advance premium coöperative fire insurance companies with home offices located at different points in the State. In this capacity he organized, in 1928, the General Schuyler Fire Insurance Company, with a capital of half a million dollars, of which he has since served as president. His business, therefore, is primarily that of fire insurance manager, all other commercial activities being incidental thereto, or what in business parlance are called "sidelines."

Mr. Tucker was born in Stillwater, New York, September 20, 1870, son of Abram D. and Eleanor A. Tucker. After attending the grammar and high schools, he supplemented his academic education with courses in the Goodwin School of Business, at New York City, from which he was graduated. He was variously employed until 1909, when he became secretary and manager of the Coöperative Fire Underwriters Association, of New York State, with offices in Albany. In 1928 he organized and became the general manager of the General Schuyler (Stock) Fire Insurance Company, of which, as indicated, he has been president since its inception. Among his many insurance connections are: First vice-president of the Insurance Federation of the State of New York; president, Tucker-Smith Agency, Inc., of Albany; treasurer and manager, New York Coöperative Underwriters, Albany; secretary, Underwriters Rating Board, Albany; director of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; president of the Fire Companies Service Corporation and Riverside Park Improvement Corporation.

Mr. Tucker is president of the Corner Holding Corporation, director and vice-president of the West End Federal Savings & Loan Association, and serves on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. His sole political office was that of city clerk, and he is a past president and active member of the Kiwanis Club of Albany, treasurer of the Advertising Club of Albany, and president of Taconic Lake Association. His religious affiliations are with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Albany.

At Greenwich, New York, Frank Pruyn Tucker married Mattie Bell Story, daughter of Charles and Sarah Story.

FRANK HENRY WILLIAMS—In the early years of the century, Frank Henry Williams launched the banking career which has brought him to the presidency of the City & County Savings Bank of Albany, one of the leading savings institutions of the Capital Region. He has risen from positions of minor responsibility to his present office, which he assumed in 1929.

Mr. Williams was born at Menands, New York, on September 23, 1887, son of Adam J. and Lizzie (Reuter) Williams. His father was caretaker of the Albany Rural Cemetery. He was educated in the public schools of Loudonville and in later years completed a course in the Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Meanwhile, in 1903, at the age of sixteen, he entered the service of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company at Albany as transit clerk. In 1905 he began his connection with the Albany City Savings Institution, now the City & County Savings Bank, where he was employed initially as assistant teller. During the following quarter of a century he rose gradually within the organization, serving as assistant treasurer from 1912 to 1917, as secretary-treasurer from 1917 to 1926 and as vice-president from 1926 to 1929. In the latter year he was elected president and has since served as executive head of an institution in whose councils of management he has occupied an important place for many years.

Mr. Williams has also been president of the City Safe Deposit Company since 1929. He is widely known in banking circles of the Capital Region and is active in other phases of Albany life, both civic and social. He is a member of the Fort Orange Club, the Albany Country Club, the Albany Club and the Aurania Club, all of this city, and is affiliated fraternally with Masters Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Williams is a Methodist in religious faith and is a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Albany.

On October 9, 1912, at Watervliet, he married Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Archie M. and Carolyn M. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of one son, Harold Clark Williams, born in 1918, a graduate of Yale University, class of 1940.

WILLIAM RICHMOND—As superintendent of schools in Watervliet, William Richmond has performed a work of value and distinction.

Mr. Richmond was born February 1, 1889, in Watervliet, New York, son of James and Agnes (Lamont) Richmond. He attended school in Watervliet and after graduation from high school here became a student at Middlebury College, in Middlebury, Vermont, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. In 1934 he received the degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University, New York City. Mr. Richmond's first teaching work was at Troy Academy, in Troy, where he remained from 1911 to 1913. From 1914 to 1916 he was at Albany High School as teacher of biology. In 1916 Mr. Richmond became principal of the grammar school at Menands, New York, continuing in that capacity until 1927. In that year he came to Watervliet to be superintendent of schools, and so continues down to the time of writing.

Quite aside from his work in education as a practicing teacher, Mr. Richmond has contributed to the general life of his profession. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators and New York State Teachers' Association and a past president of the Delta Schoolmen's Club. He is active in Jermain Memorial Presbyterian Church and in Watervliet Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

On August 25, 1915, William Richmond married Jean Ingalls Baxter, daughter of Edward and Jean (Macfarland) Baxter.

BESSIE PECK—Member of an old Columbia County family, Bessie Peck, as a summer resident of North Chatham, continues the traditional associations of the Peck name with the life of this community.

She is a descendant of William Peck, who came from England with Governor Eaton, the Rev. John Davenport and others, being one of the founders of the Colony of New Haven, in 1638. Miss Peck's grandfather was Dr. Richard Sears Peck, a physician. Her father, Dr. Oliver Peck, was also a physician. Educated at Chase Academy and Yale College, he prepared for his profession at the University of Pennsylvania and after taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine there, he established his practice at North Chatham, Columbia County, where he spent the remainder of his active career. Oliver Peck married Angeline Dorr, of Chatham, and they became the parents of two children: Robert, who died at the age of twelve; and Bessie, of this record.

Miss Peck, who was educated at the Girls' Academy at Albany and at Radcliffe College, still occupies the old family home at North Chatham during the summer months. The winters, during the past twenty-eight years, she has spent in Florida. She continues her great interest in the life of North Chatham, which has been strongly influenced by her leadership in civic and cultural affairs. Miss Peck was virtually solely responsible for establishing the present library at North Chatham, donating the land and building for that purpose and many of the books now included in the library collection. She has also contributed to the funds of the library. Miss Peck is a member of the Columbia County Historical Society, the Kinderhook Garden Club, and several other organizations. She was at one time a member of Hudson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Both because of her interest in North Chatham and because she recognizes that her position carries with it definite responsibilities, she has given generously of her time and means to the community and its institutions for many years.

FRANK LATHERS—More than a quarter of a century ago, Frank Lathers opened his general store in the town of Glen, Montgomery County. He has since been a leading merchant in this community and is now its postmaster, holding this office in addition to his business interests.

Mr. Lathers was born in the town of Root, Montgomery County, on January 4, 1875, son of Augustus and Elizabeth (Minch) Lathers, both of Montgomery County families. He received his education in the public schools of Rural Grove and then became associated with his father, who operated a blacksmith's shop there, as well as a gristmill and feed store, a sawmill, cider mill and other interests. Mr. Lathers worked for his father until the latter's death and then operated the various family enterprises for himself until 1904. During the following eight years he was engaged in general farming, first in the town of Root and later in Glen and Rural Grove. On March 12, 1912, he established a general store at Glen, where he rapidly built up a substantial business, and has since successfully conducted this enterprise.

As a leading merchant of the town, Mr. Lathers has long been influential in its life and has given much of his time to town affairs. He has served for twenty years as school collector and clerk and has taken an active part in the principal institutions of the community. His appointment as postmaster dates from January, 1931, and since that time he has been in charge of the postal service of the town.

Mr. Lathers is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Fort Hunter and has been a member of the Grange for the past thirty-five years. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Reformed Church. Although he has been a merchant for almost thirty years, he still owns his farm and operates it as a hobby.

On April 24, 1895, at Glen, New York, Mr. Lathers married Ada May Hoag, born at Glen, daughter of Daniel and Almeda (Frank) Hoag, both of Montgomery County. Mr. and Mrs. Lathers became the parents of three children: Madeline, now deceased; Maude Almeda; and De Vere H.

MYRON G. BRONNER—Widely known as one of the leading lawyers of Little Falls, Myron G. Bronner held a position of high standing in professional circles here.

Mr. Bronner was born April 4, 1856, in Stark, Herkimer County, son of George Frederick and Martha (Nellis) Bronner and a descendant of Revolutionary stock. Four of his ancestors were active in the War of the American Revolution, and one each served in the Colonial wars and the War of 1812. In the Bronner line he traced his lineage to Jacob Bronner, who settled, according to family records, in what is now Stark, New York, about 1765. On the maternal side the line goes back to William Nellis, a Palatine German colonist who lived along the Hudson River, near the present town of Castleton, as early as 1710. William Nellis served in the Colonial army as a volunteer from the Palatine village of Queensberry under Colonel Nicholson in Captain John Conrad Weiser's company during the expedition against

Montreal, Canada, in 1711. About 1723 this same William Nellis settled on a tract of about twelve thousand seven hundred acres, known as the Stone Arabia Patent, in what is now Montgomery County, along with approximately twenty-six other patentees. In 1754 he and George Klock were patentees of an additional tract of about twelve thousand acres in what later became Oppenheim and St. Johnsville—the so-called Klock and Nellis Patent. He died in January, 1778, aged eighty-four years, and was buried at Stone Arabia. A Lutheran, he represented that denomination in the division with the Calvinists of the church glebe at Stone Arabia in 1744. When the Palatine Stone Church, a few miles east of St. Johnsville, was built, in 1770, he paid for the church spire and his sons otherwise contributed to the costs. Among his several sons, William Nellis, Jr., had a son, Peter Nellis, who was Myron G. Bronner's great-grandfather. During the Revolution, William Nellis, Jr., served as a ranger in Captain John Wynn's company and as private in Captain Zeely's company of the 2d Regiment of Tryon County Militia, commanded by Colonel Jacob Klock, from 1775 to the close of the war in 1783. Isaac Bronner, Myron G. Bronner's paternal grandfather, married Mary Hoyer, a descendant of Peter Hoyer, of one of the seven families who settled in what later became Warren, in Herkimer County, subsequently called Andrustown, soon after 1750. Isaac Bronner was a soldier in the War of 1812. His son, George Frederick Bronner, married Martha Nellis, daughter of Warner Nellis, a native of what became St. Johnsville in later times, and Margaret (Guyvits) Nellis, daughter of Johannes Guyvits. Warner Nellis was a son of Peter Nellis. George F. and Martha (Nellis) Bronner lived in Warren, Herkimer County, he dying March 8, 1908, and she May 6, 1897.

Their son, Myron G. Bronner, attended a district school and an old-fashioned "select" school in Herkimer County, and later was for four years a student at Cazenovia Seminary, Cazenovia, New York, where he was graduated in June, 1876. For two years he taught school a part of each year, working on the home farm in the remaining months. Then, in April, 1878, he entered the law office of George W. Smith, at Herkimer, and, after reading law there, was admitted to the bar at the general term of the Supreme Court of New York State, in Buffalo, June 21, 1881. In October of that year, he formed a partnership with Sewell S. Morgan, a practicing lawyer of West Winfield, Herkimer County, with whom he remained for two years.

In October, 1883, Mr. Bronner came to Little Falls and opened a law office. For nearly thirty years he practiced independently, building up an extensive clientele. In February, 1913, he admitted as a partner George W. Ward, the two of them forming the law firm of Bronner and Ward. About a year later Mr. Bronner's own son, James C. Bronner, was admitted to the firm, which was so constituted until Mr. Ward's death, October 3, 1918. The Bronners, father and son, thenceforth continued the firm under the old name of Bronner and Ward until the elder man's death, September 24, 1941. Known for his concise, logical thinking and persuasive argument, Myron G. Bronner earned wide distinction in his profession at an early period in his practice, and he continued to the time of his death as one of the leading lawyers of the Little Falls district. He belonged to the Herkimer County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He and his son, James Cook Bronner (*q. v.*), carried on mainly a civil practice, devoting their attention mainly to matters involving corporation law and water power.

In addition to his legal practice, Myron G. Bronner interested himself in civic, business and social affairs in Little Falls. He served in a number of public offices, notably as clerk of the Herkimer County board of supervisors in 1883 and 1884, member of the board of fire and police commissioners of Little Falls from 1886 to 1893, and of the board of water commissioners here in 1894 and 1895, and member of the first Little Falls board of public works from 1895 to 1897 (he was vice-president of the board for one year). Politically he was a Republican. He was chiefly in charge of drafting the city charter from 1893 to 1895, and afterward held such assignments as were given him from time to time. During the World War period Mr. Bronner rendered useful service to the Liberty Loan committees in effecting successful drives in his home district, and at that same time he served on the legal advisory board set up in Herkimer County in connection with operation of the Selective Service Draft Act.

Several business organizations had the benefit of Mr. Bronner's constructive labors. He was president and a director of the National Desk Company, of Herkimer; president of the Herkimer County Trust Company, of Little Falls, of which he was formerly both vice-president and a director; director and counsel to the Gilbert Knitting Company, the Utica Gas and Electric Company of Utica and the Niagara-Hudson Public Service Corporation; president and a director of the Little Falls Hotel Company; and treasurer and a director of the Central New York Abstract Corporation. Fraternally he was active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was affiliated with the Knights Templar and other groups, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he served as Exalted Ruler of the Little Falls lodge. He was always interested in farming, and spent considerable time in the summer months in supervising the work on his several farming properties. He belonged to the Little Falls Country Club, was a life member of the Herkimer County Historical Society, and a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Little Falls.

Myron G. Bronner married, June 9, 1886, in Salisbury, Herkimer County, Mary Baldwin, daughter of David H. and Pamelia (Cook) Baldwin. Mrs. Bronner's forebears on the Baldwin side of her house are of English extraction, and the Cooks also claim early American ancestry. David H. Baldwin was born in Spencertown, New York, and died in 1891 in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Pamelia (Cook) Baldwin, who was born in Salisbury, New York, died in Little Falls. Myron G. and Mary (Baldwin) Bronner became the parents of two children: 1. Nellis Baldwin Bronner, born in Little Falls on March 21, 1888, early became engaged in the automobile business in Little Falls; he married, August 6, 1913, Edith Yates Whitney, daughter of George G. Whitney, of Milford, New York; their son, Nellis Baldwin Bronner, Jr., was born May 15, 1914. 2. James Cook Bronner (*q. v.*).

JAMES COOK BRONNER—Engaged in the practice of law in Little Falls as a member, with his father, of the law firm of Bronner and Ward, James Cook Bronner occupies a position of high standing in his community.

Mr. Bronner was born January 7, 1890, in Little Falls, New York, son of Myron G. (*q. v.*) and Mary (Baldwin) Bronner, and member of an old and honorable family, further details concerning whom will be found under separate heading, "Myron G. Bronner." The father, long one of the leading lawyers of Little Falls, founded the present firm many years ago, and the "Ward" in the firm names derives from the person of George W. Ward, who died October 3, 1918. When father and son became partners together, however, they decided to retain the old firm name, which has been done down to the time of writing.

Public schools of Little Falls furnished James Cook Bronner's early formal education, and after graduation from high school here in 1909, he became a student at Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914. Admitted to the New York State bar in September, that year, he started the practice of law in association with his father and Mr. Ward. The firm has continued since that time, with James Cook Bronner as junior member, although he was away for a time in army service during the World War. His practice has been of a general nature, while the firm's trend has been toward specializing in corporation and water power law.

Living in Little Falls, Mr. Bronner has interested himself in a wide variety of business and civic activities. He is president of Stafford & Holt, Inc., manufacturers of knitting machinery, in Little Falls, and is interested in politics as a member of the Republican party. During the World War, he enlisted for army service on May 15, 1917, and on August 15th was commissioned a captain of infantry and stationed at Camp Dix, in New Jersey. Later he was made provost marshal at that camp. He was honorably discharged with the major's rank on December 30, 1918. He is active today in the American Legion, the Herkimer County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Mohawk Valley Towns Association, the Little Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Mohawk Valley Country Club, the Presbyterian Church and several fraternal groups, including the Zeta Psi, which he joined in his student days. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with lodge, Knights Templar Commandery and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In Little Falls, New York, October 12, 1917, James Cook Bronner married Eva May Holt, who was born February 12, 1893, in Little Falls, and who died March 24, 1926. The late Mrs. Bronner was a daughter of Robert C. and Sarah (Ayres) Holt, of Little Falls, her father a native of Cohoes and her mother of Troy. Mr. and Mrs. Bronner became the parents of a daughter, Pamelia Holt Bronner, who was born February 6, 1919, in Little Falls.

FRED DECKER—Member of a family whose members have for six generations devoted themselves to the primary and basic occupation of farming, Fred Decker operated a farm that has been in the Decker family for three generations, at Livingston, giving his attention mainly to fruit raising.

Mr. Decker was born October 29, 1864, in Livingston, Columbia County, New York, son of Nicholas Decker and grandson of Rufus N. Decker. It was Rufus N. Decker who became the pioneer of the family in Columbia County, buying a 150-acre farm on which he did general farming. He was succeeded here by his son, Nicholas Decker, and he in turn by Fred Decker. The acreage has been extended from time to time, and fruit farming is the major objective.

In addition to his work on the farm, Fred Decker became one of the founders of the Farm Bureau and a leader in its work. He was formerly the bureau's president. Without ever seeking political office or preferment, Mr. Decker took an active lead in community affairs and usefully served as justice of the peace. He was vice-president of the Hudson Storage & Ice Company, of which he was one of the founders. Fraternally he was connected with the Hudson Lodge, No. 787, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen, the Maccabees, the Royal Arcanum, Livingston Grange, and was a member of Claverack Dutch Arms and the Farm Bureau. He was a member of the official board and a trustee of the Methodist Church.

On February 27, 1889, Fred Decker married Minnie B. Avery, of Troy, New York, daughter of Calvin and Martha (Millison) Avery. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Ruth A. Decker, who became the wife of Nelson Angell; they have two children: i. Doris Angell, born April 15, 1920, a student. ii. Fred Angell, born March 5, 1923, also a student. 2. Clara M. Decker, wife of Daniel Wood; they have two children: i. Maxine Wood, born July 12, 1927. ii. Harris D. Wood, born October 18, 1928.

Mr. Decker passed away November 24, 1941.

HERBERT HENRY LEHMAN is distinguished as a four-term Governor of New York State and also as the first Governor to be elected to the four-year term (1939-42). In 1942 he is completing a decade in the Governor's office in addition to having served four years as Lieutenant-Governor. As Governor he has guided the destinies of the most populous State in the Union during a period marked by depression, financial recovery and the outbreak of a second World War.

Governor Lehman's formal entrance into politics came in 1928 when he resigned his connection with Lehman Brothers to become the running mate of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the State gubernatorial race. In 1930 he was reëlected Lieutenant-Governor. In 1932 he became the Democratic party standard bearer. His plurality of 847,439 over his Republican opponent, William J. Donovan, set an electoral record in the State. Reluctantly he accepted redesignation in 1934, when he defeated Robert Moses by a plurality of 808,089. In 1936 he was reëlected, defeating William F. Bleakley. President Roosevelt, when Governor, referred to Governor Lehman as his "good right arm."

In 1937 Governor Lehman opposed the President on the Supreme Court enlargement plan. Lehman afterward sought to retire from the Governorship and become a candidate for United States Senator, but under party urging and that of the President, accepted the designation for the fourth term. In the close contest against Thomas E. Dewey, New York District Attorney in 1938, Lehman was victorious by a vote of 2,391,286 to 2,326,892.

During his terms in office, much social legislation has been adopted, including acts coöperating with Federal measures such as unemployment insurance, old age security, minimum wage, and other programs.

Born in New York City on March 28, 1878, he was a son of Mayer and Babette Lehman. His father, one of a liberal group which left Germany in the 1840s, became a founder of the New York Cotton Exchange. Herbert Lehman attended Dr. Sachs' Collegiate Institute and Williams College, graduating from the latter in 1899 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. In his early business career he entered textile manufacturing and became vice-president and treasurer of J. Spencer Turner Company. In 1908 he joined Lehman Brothers, an internationally known banking firm, founded by his father and uncles.

He became distinguished for philanthropic work in 1914, when he helped organize the Joint Distribution Committee in New York City. He was married, April 28, 1910, to Edith Altshul, of San Francisco. Their children: Peter G., Ruth R., and Hilda Jane Lehman.

In 1917 he volunteered for service in the Navy Department at Washington, and was assigned to duty under Franklin D. Roosevelt, then Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Later he was commissioned an army captain and promoted by grades to colonel, serving as assistant to General George W. Goethals, on the General Staff. In 1919 after serving as special assistant to the Secretary of War he received the Distinguished Service Medal. His work included adjustment of contracts as member of the War Department Claims Board.

In 1928 he worked with Roosevelt in behalf of the candidacy of Alfred E. Smith for President, and thus came to political notice. As Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Lehman gained attention as an arbitrator of labor disputes and for aiding with his personal funds depositors in a wrecked New York City bank.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Williams College in 1929, and since then honorary degrees from many colleges and universities including New York University, Yeshiva College, Oglethorpe, Alfred, St. Bonaventure, Hamilton, Niagara, Syracuse, Jewish Theological Seminary, and Fordham. He is identified with a number of philanthropic and social working organizations. His clubs include the Army and Navy, National Democratic, Williams, Bankers and Century of New York City and Fort Orange Club, Albany. Besides his official residence at the Executive Mansion, Albany, he has a New York City home at 36 West 44th Street.

FRANCIS P. KIMBALL, descendant of an old New York State family, son of the Rev. William E. and Celinda (Brown) Kimball, was graduated from Hamilton College, 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He entered newspaper work at Syracuse ("Herald"); joined the New York "Sun" two years later as a member of the editorial staff, assistant night city editor, and on feature work. After military service at Camp Lee, Virginia, he joined "The Knickerbocker News" (formerly "The Knickerbocker Press" and "Albany Evening News"), in 1923, engaged in feature, civic and business subjects, and as financial editor in 1936. On June 26, 1926, he married Christine Birrell, of Albany. He is the author of "Albany, a Cradle of America" (1936); "New York, the Canal State" (1937), the latter dealing with the commercial history of the State. Mr. Kimball has written many articles on the growth and expansion of the Capital Region, including its industrial, engineering and civic progress, and has "covered" personally such events as the construction of the A. H. Smith Memorial Bridge (Castleton Cut-off and Selkirk Yards of the New York Central Railroad); building of the Conklingville Dam of the Sacandaga Reservoir; the Rip Van Winkle Bridge; Troy-Menands and Dunn Memorial Bridge Construction; Barge Canal Improvement; building of the Port of Albany; Short-Wave Broadcasts and Television Tests, Schenectady; as well as many articles on the development of highways of the State of New York and the historical and recreational places of New York State. He was a member of Region Four Committee, New York State, on Historical Exhibits, New York World's Fair, and chairman, Committee on Historical Markers, City of Albany, 1939. He is a member of the Hamilton College Alumni Association, New York Historical Association, and of several county historical societies.

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